



Maine's Forest Action Plan
2020 revision



The Farm Bill Requires State Foresters to Develop & Submit...

- 1. A statewide assessment of forest resource conditions, including:**
 - A. the conditions and trends of forest resources in [the] state;**
 - B. the threats to forest lands and resources in [the] state consistent with the national priorities;**
 - C. any areas or regions of [the] state that are a priority; and**
 - D. any multi-state areas that are a regional priority.**



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- 2. A long-term statewide forest resource strategy, including:**
 - A. strategies for addressing threats to forest resources in the state outlined in the assessment; and**
 - B. a description of the resources necessary for the State Forester from all sources to address the statewide strategy.**

Complete by December 2020 to remain eligible to receive CFAA funds.



State Strategy: A Plan to Address Priorities

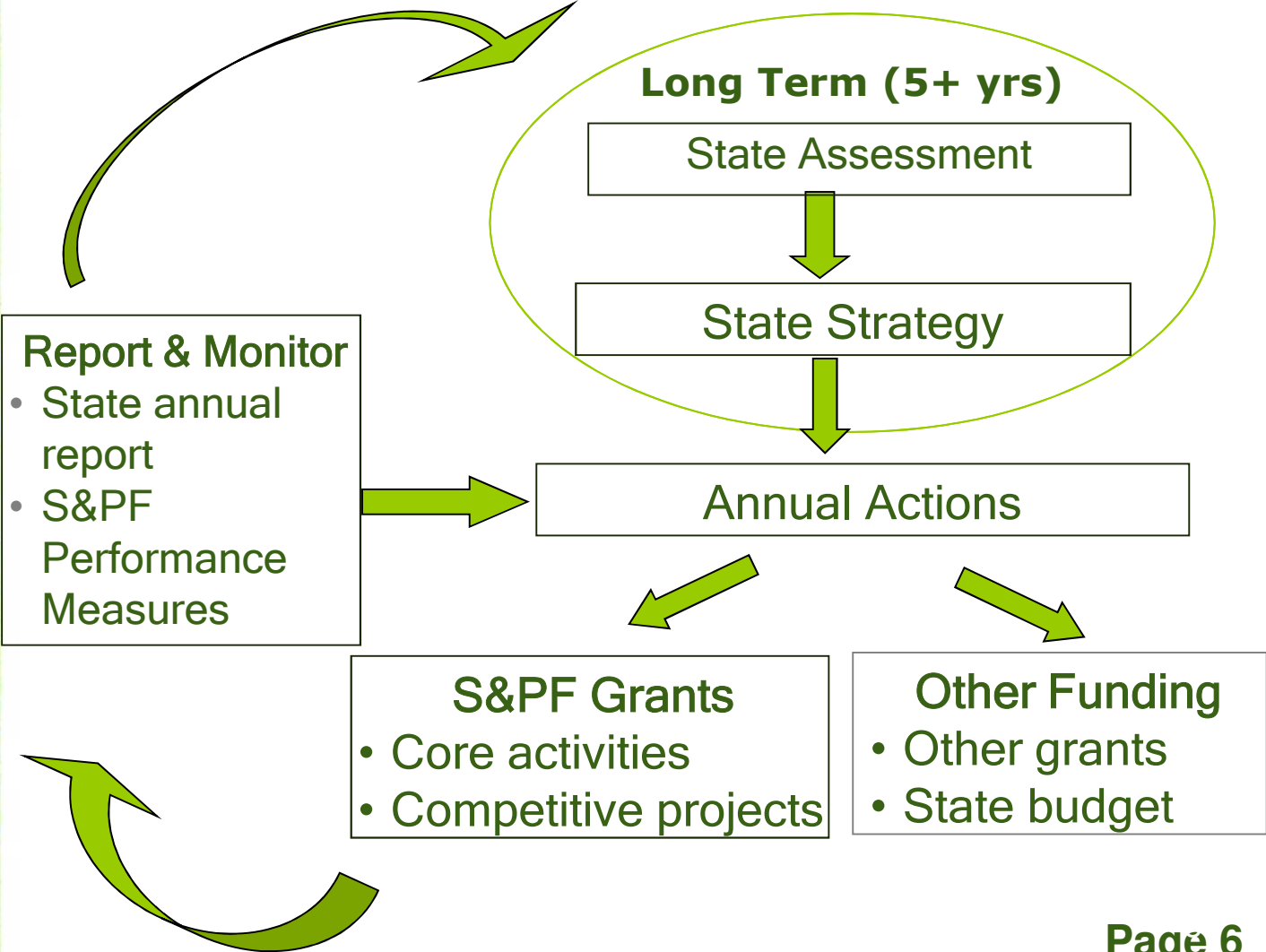
- **Long-term strategies to address priorities.**
- **How state will invest federal and other resources.**
- **Timeline for implementation.**
- **ID partner and stakeholder involvement.**
- **Monitor outcomes and revise actions.**
- **Accomplish S&PF national objectives.**
- **How S&PF programs will be used.**
- **Incorporate existing plans.**



National State & Private Forestry Priorities

- **Conserve and manage working forest landscapes for multiple values and uses.**
- **Protect forests from threats.**
- **Enhance public benefits from trees and forests.**

Assess—Plan—Implement—Adapt





Forest Action Plan Outline

- I. Introduction**
- II. Forest Condition and Trends**
- III. Issues, Threats, and Opportunities**
- IV. Priority Landscape Areas**
- V. Statewide Forest Strategy**
- VI. Appendixes**



Forest Condition and Trends

- A. Soil productivity**
- B. Water quality, wetlands and riparian zones**
- C. Timber supply and quality**
- D. Aesthetic impacts of timber harvesting**
- E. Biological diversity**
- F. Public accountability**
- G. Economic considerations**
- H. Social considerations**
- I. Forest Health**

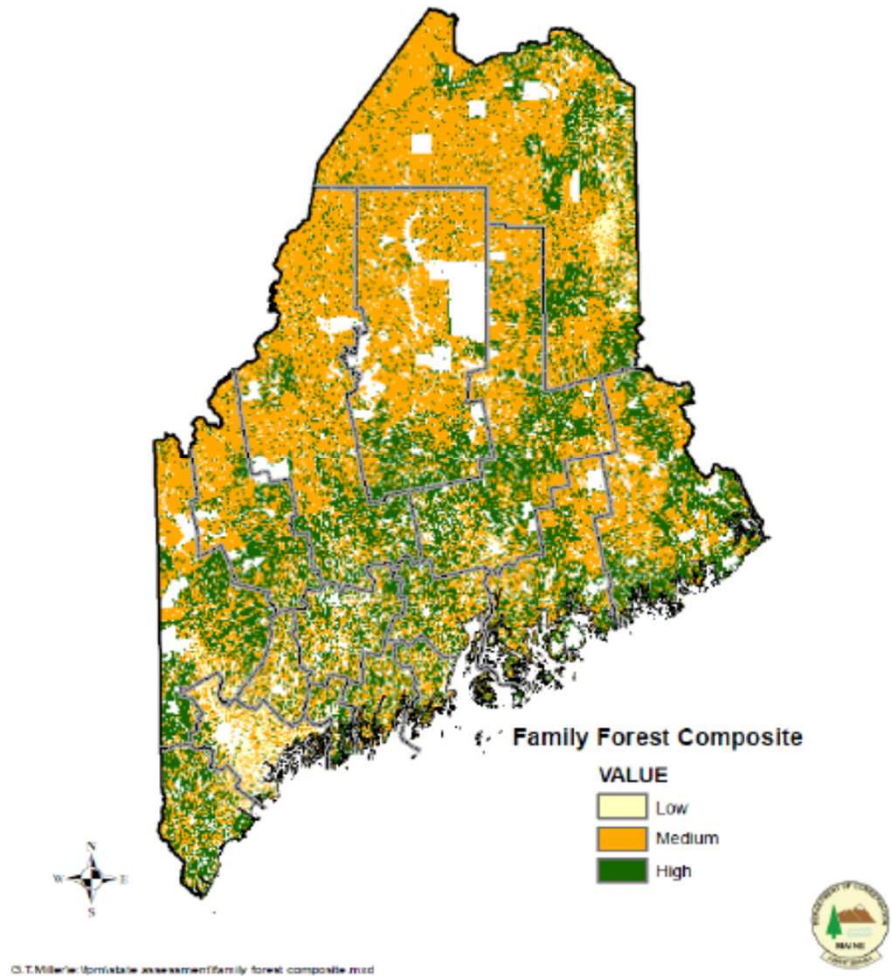


Issues, Threats, and Opportunities

- A. Supporting a diverse, robust forest products industry.
- B. Supporting [active management of] the forest land base.
- C. Promoting Outcome Based Forestry and streamlining the regulatory framework.
- D. Maintaining the capacity of the MFS as an institution to serve the citizens of Maine.
- E. Maintaining the health and resiliency of Maine's forests in the face of threats from biotic and abiotic agents.
- F. Predicting future forest conditions and wood supplies.
- G. Conserving forests for clean drinking water supplies and healthy fisheries.
- H. Maintaining healthy trees and woodlands in urban and community areas.
- I. Ongoing erosion of federal support for Cooperative Forestry programs.



Priority Forest Areas – Family Forests (2010)





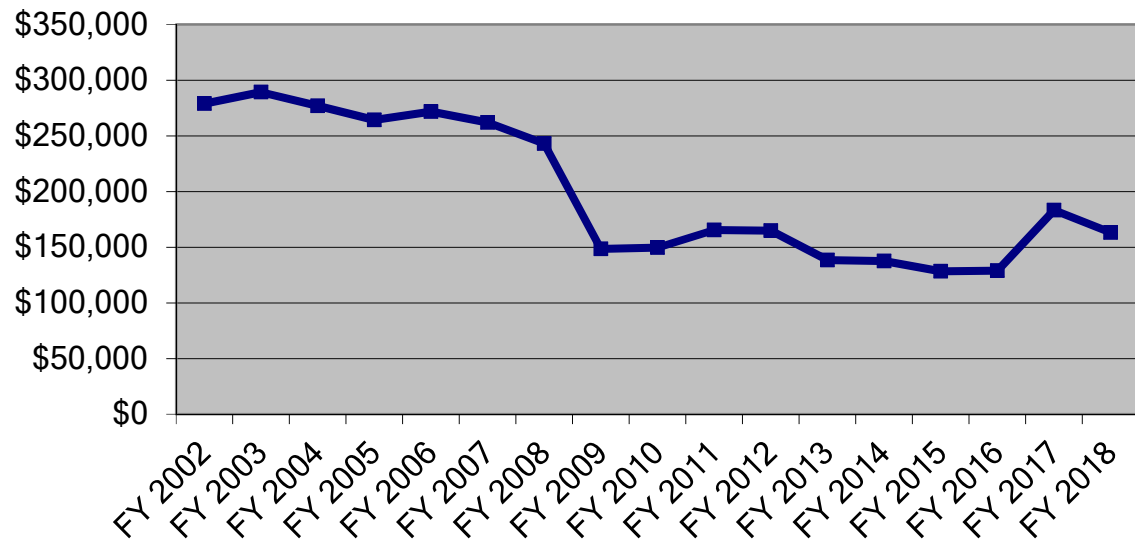
Strategies to Address Each Issue, Threat, and Opportunity

- **Strategies**
- **Priority landscape area(s) the strategies address**
- **S&PF and other programs that contribute to the strategies**
- **Key stakeholders important for implementing the strategies**
- **Overview of resources available/required to implement the strategies**
- **National objective(s) to which the strategies contribute**
- **Sustainability criteria to which the strategies contribute**
- **Measure(s) of success**



It all comes down to \$\$\$...

Forest Stewardship Program
Maine Core Allocations
Fed FY 2002 - 2019





Next Steps

- **Finalize draft for internal review.**
- **Public comment.**
- **Submit to FS for review.**
- **Final adoption – end of 2020.**