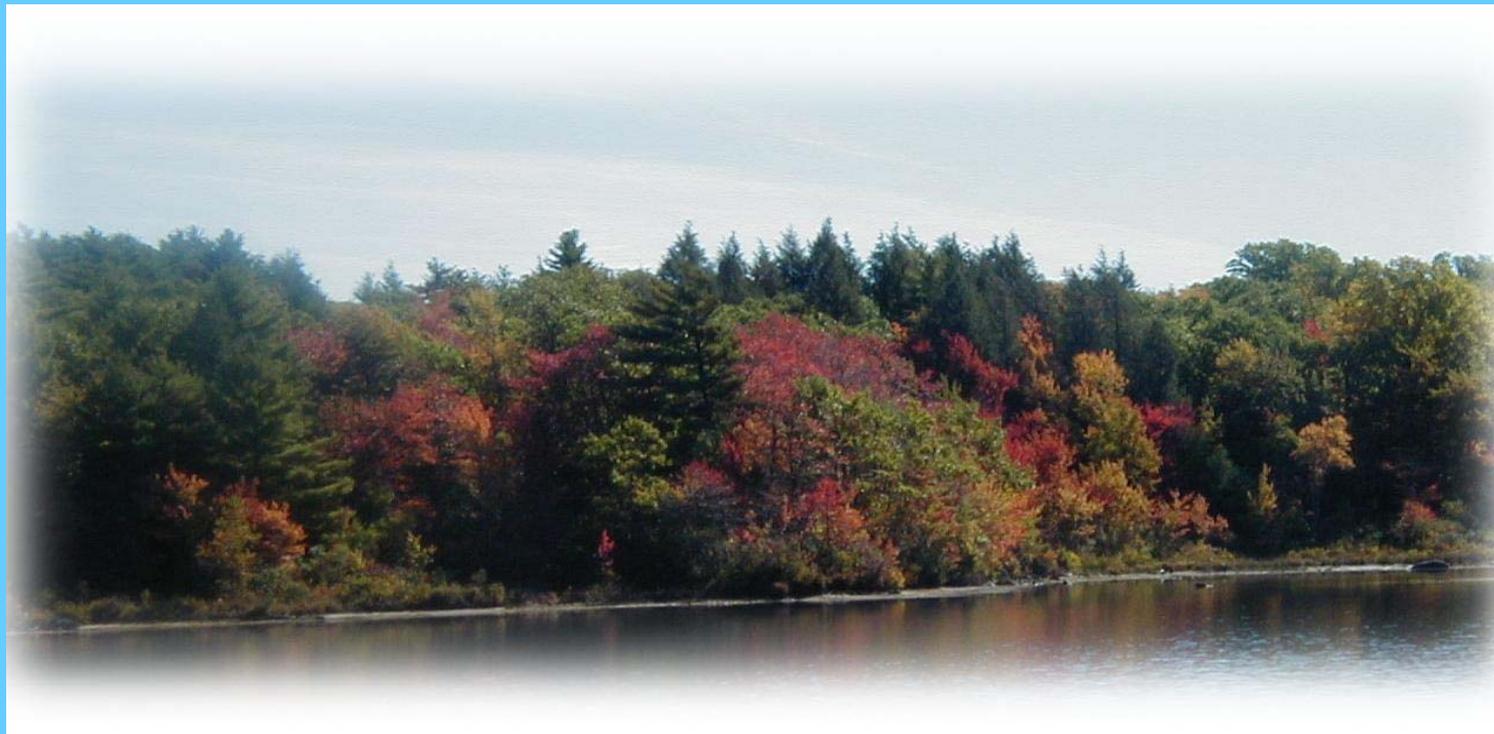


Rhode Island Forest Resources Management Plan 2004



1984 Goal to the 2004 Vision

1984 Goal

“Protect and manage the forest resources of Rhode Island to meet the demands for recreation, water supply, wildlife habitat, forest products and a high quality environment.”

2004 Vision

“ Rhode Island’s Forest a Green Hope for All”

Comparison in Issues

1984

- Forest Resource Management
- Forest Resources Education
- Forest Products Marketing
- Soil Management
- Wildfire Control
- Insect & Disease Protection
- Forest Resource Planning
- Legislation

2004

- Forest Resource Management
- Information & Education
- Commercial Forest Products
- Water Resources
- Forest Health
- Sustainability
- Fragmentation
- Forestland Recreation & Tourism

Major Accomplishments

- Development & Adoption of Forest Resources Management Plan (1984).
- Completed Forest Management Plans for Arcadia Management Area (1980) .
George Washington Management Area (1992).
- Management Area multi-disciplinary Councils.
- Statewide Stewardship Committee (1990).
- Statewide Forest statistics inventory (1985 & 1998, Continuous basis 2003).
- Development of Forest Legacy program (1993).

Major Accomplishments (cont.)

- Development, funding and support for various non-profit organizations for educational and informational purposes.
- Establishment of statewide Forest Health program and inventory (1990).
- Updated Best Management Practices handbook for reduction of soil erosion during timber harvesting (1996 and revised 2003).
- Developed and implemented statewide Urban and Community Forest Plan (1999).

Implementation

Development of Implementation Matrix

- To assist communities in development of local comprehensive plans.
- To assist reviewers for compliance of local comprehensive plans.
- Each policy identified with objectives and strategies.
- Each strategy identified with timeframe for implementation and primary responsible party.
- Each strategy identified with performance measures to gauge implementation.

Forest Resources Management Plan's Role for the Division of Forest Environment's Work Plan

- Required by USDA Forest Service as part of Forest Stewardship Program (Cooperative Forestry Act of 1978 as Amended Through 2002, Section 19.b.3) for receipt of Cooperative Forest Management consolidated payments.
- Provides consistency with Federal and neighboring states Forestry Programs.
- Develops short and long term direction and performance measures for the Division of Forest Environment.