



Municipal Training Programs

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CLEAR's Mission:

To provide information, education and assistance to land use decision makers in support of balancing growth and natural resource protection.

CLEAR Programs

- Connecticut NEMO
- National NEMO Network
- Geospatial Training Program
- Land Use Academy
- **Community & Natural Resource Planning Program (CNP)**
- Extension Forestry Program
- Lab for Earth Resource Information Systems



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CLEAR is a collaboration of the Dept. of Extension, the Dept. of Natural Resources and the Environment, and the Connecticut Sea Grant Program



“Understanding the Natural World”

Volunteer Weekend Retreat

- Classroom and Outdoor Training
- Recruiting NEW volunteers
- “Air-dropped applications”



Training – From the Ground Up



- Geology
- Soil Science
- Stream Ecology
- Forest Ecology
- Wildlife Ecology
- Landscape Ecology



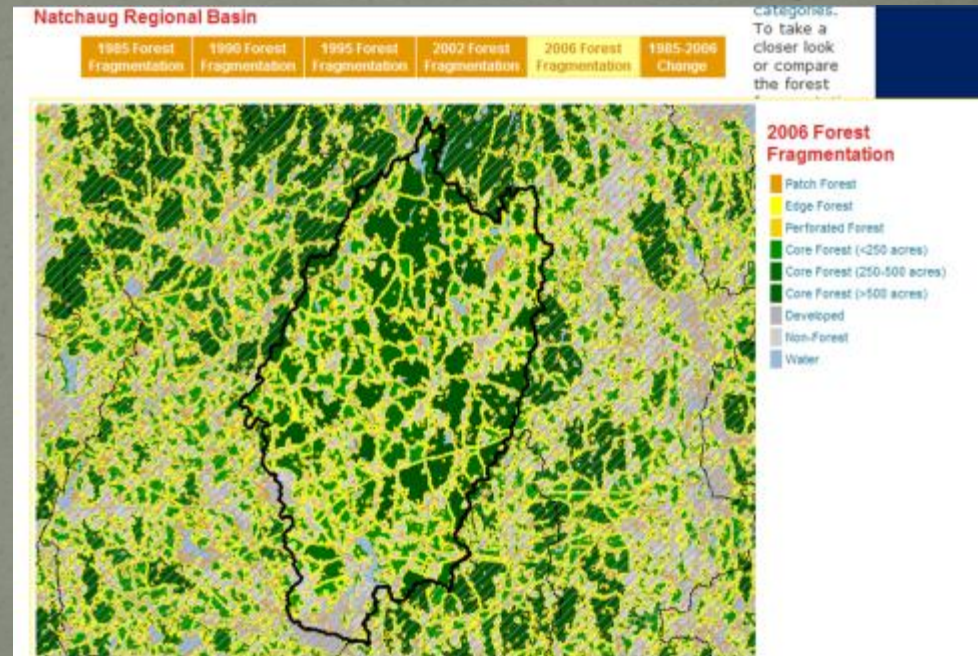
Expectation – Minimum One Year Volunteer Commitment

- 95 Volunteers Trained
- Conservation Commissioners
- Planning /Zoning Commissioners
- Open Space Commissioners
- Land Trust Volunteers
- “Brush Brigade”
- “Beetle Patrol”

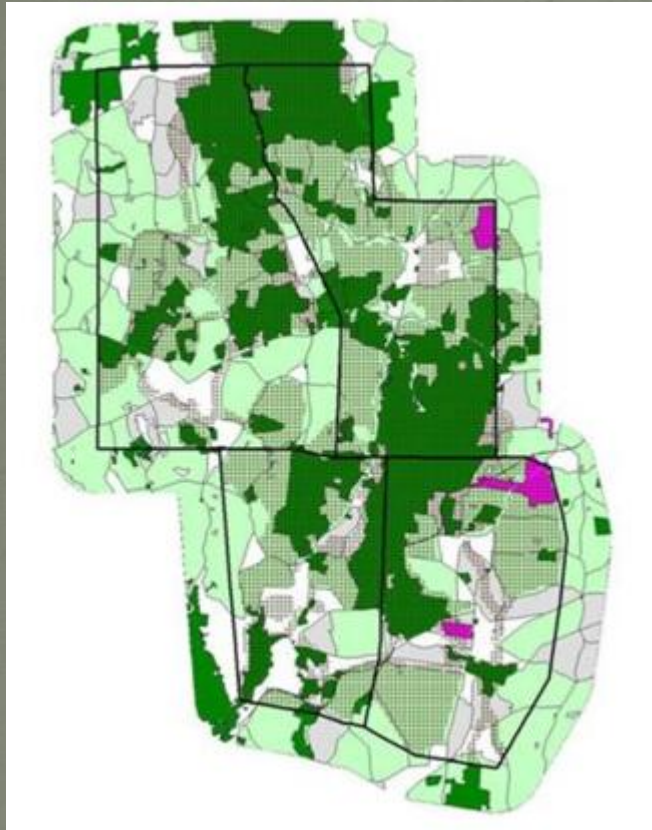


Continuing Training Programs

- Innovative Regulations
- Land Protection Tools
- Mapping and GPS Technology
- Community Resource Planning

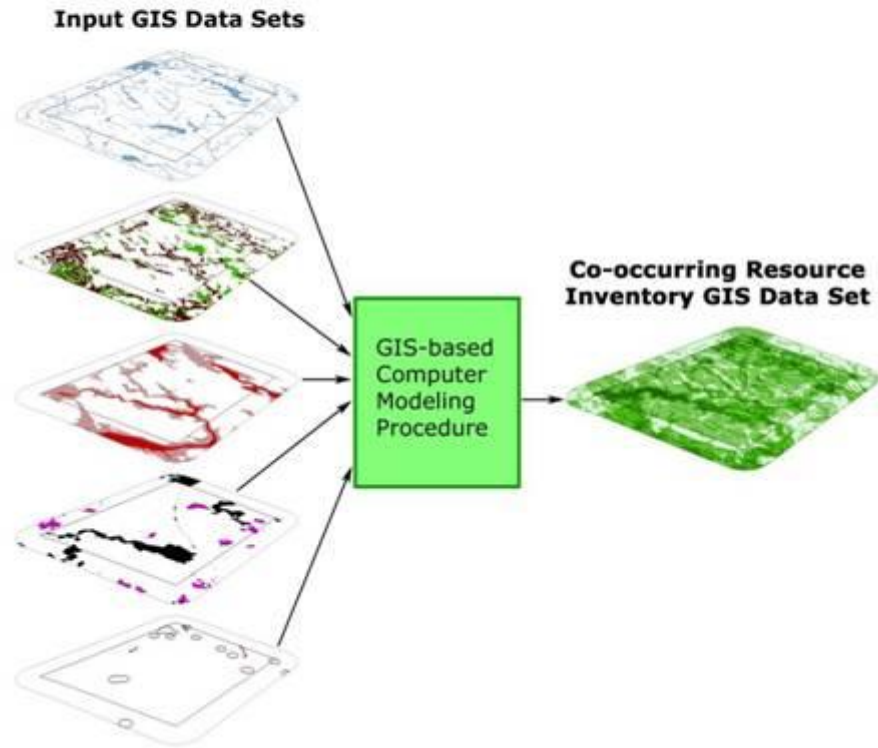


Multi-town Community Resource Inventories

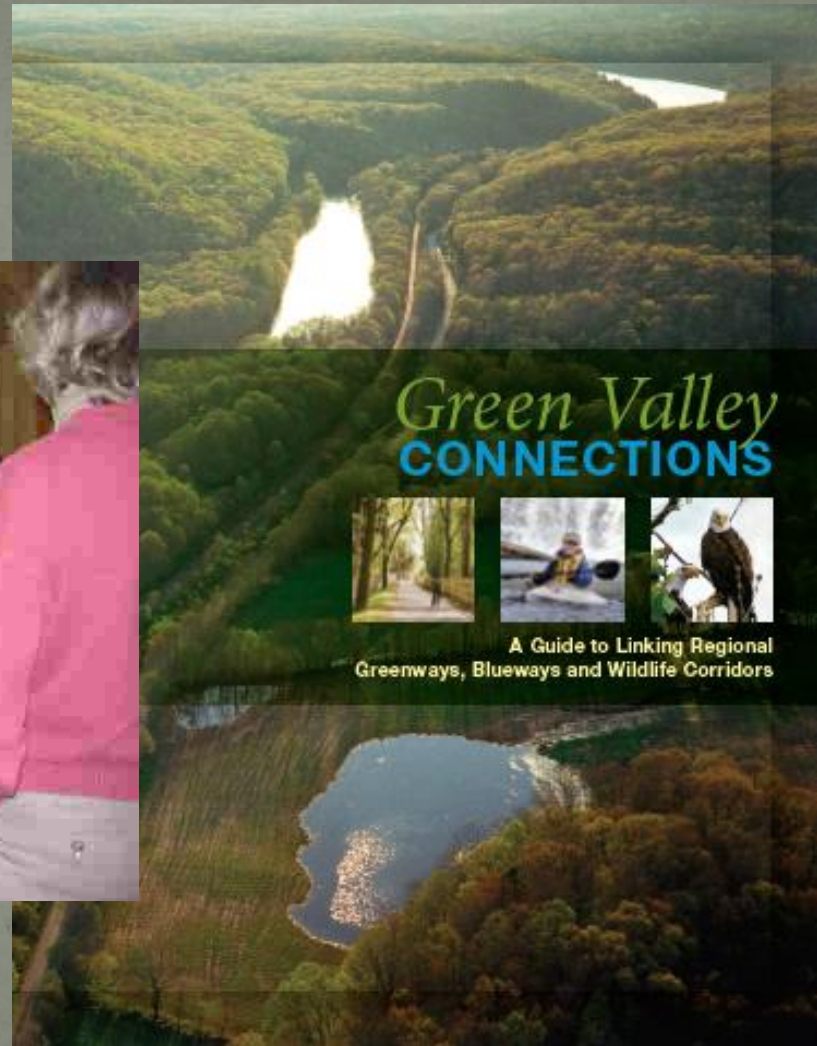


Co-occurring Resources Inventory

Simplified Diagram of a Co-occurring Resource Inventory Computer Modeling Procedure



Greenways and Green Infrastructure Planning



Municipal Training - Big Picture

- Land use decision makers have better understanding of natural systems and impacts for land use change
- New volunteer capacity in community
- Trained community leaders use knowledge to make informed land use decisions