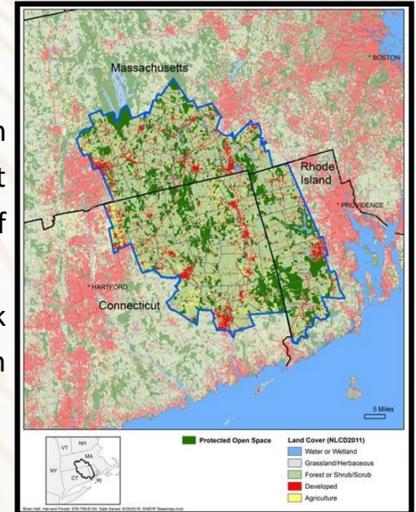


Southern New England Heritage Forest Forest Management Plans with Bird Habitat Assessments Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Am I located in the Southern New England Heritage Forest (SNEHF)? Southern New England Heritage Forest towns include: Burrillville, Scituate, Foster, Glocester, Coventry, Exeter, West Greenwich, Hopkinton and Richmond.

Question: What does a Bird Habitat Assessment involve?

Audubon Rhode Island will come to your property to collect information on the types of birds that you have in your woods, as well as important habitat features (such as standing dead trees, streams and wetlands, and amount of plants on your forest floor). Audubon will create a plan that will make recommendations to improve bird habitat on your property, and will work with your forester to add this information into a Forest Management Plan based on your goals and objectives.



Question: Can I apply if I have a Forest Management Plan?

YES! The program funds both full Forest Management Plans with Bird Habitat Assessments by Audubon as well as stand alone Bird Habitat Assessments for landowners who are already implementing Forest Management Plans. You will be responsible for working with your forester to amend your current Forest Management Plan.

Question: How does the funding work?

The Last Green Valley will pay Audubon RI directly for their services. They will pay NRCS funding rates for Forest Management Plans to the forester of your choice (must be a certified NRCS Technical Service Provider). You will be responsible for a percentage of the final cost of the plan, in the same way you would through the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Question: What happens after the plan is finished?

Funding will be available through the SNEHF Regional Conservation Partnership Program to do the forestry work listed in your brand new Forest Management Plan with Bird Habitat Assessment so that you can manage your forest with birds in mind!

Question: Sounds good to me! Where do I sign up?

Contact Kate Sayles from the Northern RI Conservation District at 401.934.0840 x 103 or at ksayles.nricd@gmail.com. Kate can help you fill out your application and eligibility paperwork and discuss your options!

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