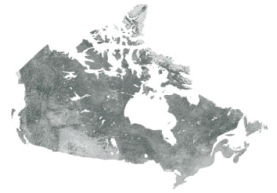




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Introduction

Canada's forest-based communities are facing difficult challenges as a consequence of forest industry restructuring and transformation, an aging population, a changing economy, stiff international competition and major natural disturbances such as wildfires and insect infestations.

These challenges require innovative responses. The Forest Communities Program (FCP) was launched in July 2007 to help community-based partnerships develop and share knowledge, strategies and tools to adjust to forest sector transition and to take advantage of emerging forest-based opportunities.

The FCP seeks to equip communities to better meet the opportunities and challenges associated with a changing forest sector. By focusing on forest-based community partnerships, the FCP encourages fresh perspectives on Canada's forest resources, leading to innovation implementation and a sustainable future for forest-based communities, while taking into consideration the full range of social, economic and environmental values.

The following sets of FCP site fact sheets provide details about the 11 forest community sites across Canada including

- Contact and area information
- Maps
- Summaries of site objectives
- Projects
- Opportunities for exchange and collaboration
- Key partners

These fact sheets were developed in collaboration with the FCP sites, with information taken from strategic plans, work plans and Web sites in 2010.

Note: For an organization name that does not have an official English equivalent, we provided an unofficial translation, which is italicized within parentheses.

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Area

- 265 000 hectares
- Co-managed by the Nuu chah nulth Central Region Chiefs and Ecotrust Canada
- Comprises First Nations communities (Ahousaht, Hesquiaht, Toquaht, Ucluelet and Tla-o-qui-aht) and the municipal districts of Ucluelet and Tofino
- Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve
- Hesquiaht Peninsula, Maquinna, Flores Island, Vargas Island, Clayoquot Arm, Strathcona Provincial Park and northern region of Pacific Rim National Park

Objectives

- Demographic change in the forest-based community economy
- Strong regional institutions and collaborative partnerships
- Diversification of the local economy
- Innovative ecosystem-based management systems

Projects

- Continue to develop and strategize with Five Nations on community-based regional ecotourism
- Further develop the Community Forest Products Initiative to bring interested stakeholders together to examine the feasibility of past and current projects
- Develop a model for maximizing returns on environmental goods and services and carbon modelling
- Smaller educational capacity building and engagement projects to attract and support under-represented groups, such as youth, women, elders and First Nations, into forest sector activity
- Refurbishment of the Walk the Wildside Trail
- Develop a marketing strategy to ensure long-term, steady growth and local management in the ecotourism sector for the Wildside Trail project
- Purchase of a value-added sawmill for the community of Ahousaht: currently developing a business plan to ensure economic benefit and growth in the forestry sector, a housing project and a school upgrade
- Co-operative business model retreat was hosted by the Forest Communities Program and Ecotrust this summer for the Five Nations in the region to explore potential business opportunities
- Continued work on monitoring in the region, with a focus on past science panel recommendations and restoration in Hesquiaht territory



- Healthy Foods, Healthy Community project development and implementation in partnership with all Five Nations, municipalities and the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust

Opportunities for Exchange and Collaboration

- Forest and processing certification market development
- Diversification of regional forest sector activity
- Capacity building and institutional development
- Establishment of protocol agreements

Key Partners and Associates

- Ecotrust Canada
- Nuu chah nulth Central Region Chiefs
- Central Region Chiefs
- District of Tofino
- District of Ucluelet
- University of British Columbia, Faculty of Forestry
- Tourism Tofino
- Tofino Chamber of Commerce
- Iisaak Forest Resources Ltd.
- Clayoquot Biosphere Trust
- Mamook-Coulson Forest Company
- New Forests Ltd.
- British Columbia Ministry of Finance
- Central West Coast Forest Society
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Area

- 25.5 million hectares (Note: smaller project areas occur within this larger area)
- 25 incorporated towns, numerous unincorporated communities and 30 First Nations settlements
- Includes Prince George, Fort St. John, Vanderhoof, Fort St. James, Burns Lake, Mackenzie, Chetwynd and Dawson Creek
- Geography: Canadian plains and foothills (Peace) Rocky Mountains (Mackenzie) and the B.C. interior plateau (Omineca)
- Tweedsmuir, Tatlatui, Bowron, Carp Lake and other provincial parks



Objectives

- Pilot ideas, conduct experiments and develop tools to help forest-based communities build capacity and meet the opportunities and challenges of a forest sector in transition
- Develop and share integrated, multi-sector approaches, based on science and innovation, to address community transition that involves new and existing natural resource stakeholders
- Work with industry and other community-level stakeholders to develop new forest-based opportunities for rural Canada
- Develop and share sustainable forest management knowledge, practices, tools and experiences with international forest-based communities and their Model Forests
- Become largely self-sustaining in order to continue supporting communities in transition beyond 2012

Projects

- Pilot Community Industry Integrated Resource Management (IRM) Forums
- Demonstration of agroforestry opportunities to offset mountain pine beetle impacts
- Feasibility of biomass energy for economic diversification and stability of First Nations and rural communities
- Assessing and building the state of knowledge on integrated resource management
- Caribou research modelling support
- Building a business case for addressing cumulative impacts management and overlapping tenures issues
- Community impacts and adaptation to climate change
- Coordination of events raising awareness among school children about Nechako white sturgeon recovery initiatives
- Career awareness camps in natural resource management

Opportunities for Exchange and Collaboration

- Completion of the natural resource-based economic development program in Russia presents opportunities to establish new international partnerships and projects
- Helping communities adapt to climate change
- Addressing forest sector transition
- Bringing together major sectors to pilot projects that utilize an integrated approach to development
- Assisting rural and First Nations communities with developing agroforestry and bioenergy industries

Key Partners and Associates*

- Council of Forest Industries
- Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia
- Mining Association of British Columbia
- GeoScience BC
- Lheidli T'enneh First Nation
- C3 Alliance Corporation
- Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers
- District of Mackenzie
- Council of Tourism Associations of BC
- British Columbia Ministry of Environment
- British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources
- British Columbia Ministry of Forests and Range
- British Columbia Integrated Land Management Bureau
- Omineca Beetle Action Coalition (OBAC)
- University of Northern British Columbia
- College of New Caledonia
- Forest Research and Extension Partnership (FORREX)
- City of Prince George
- Prince George Chamber of Commerce
- Wildlife Infometrics Inc.

*The Resources North Association also has a broad variety of partnerships with 60 member organizations and individuals, primarily from the B.C. central interior but also including others from across the country

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- 4 382 417 hectares
- Narrow Hills Provincial Park and Prince Albert National Park
- Focus area: First Nations reserve lands of Lac La Ronge, Montreal Lake, James Smith, Muskoday, Wahpeton, Little Red River, Sturgeon Lake, Ahtahkakoop, Mistawasis, Beardy's-Okemasis, One Arrow and Buffalo River Dene Nation

Objectives

- Assist in developing capacity and governance models in local forest-based communities
- Support natural resource-based learning among Aboriginal youth
- Encourage opportunities in a transitioning forest sector economy
- Provide research, tools and models to assist communities in the transition to sustainability
- Bring together industry partners and community-level stakeholders to facilitate development of new forest-based opportunities for communities in the southern boreal and aspen parkland eco-regions
- Develop and share sustainable forest management knowledge, practices, tools and experiences with international forest-based communities and their Model Forests
- Develop a plan to conduct an agroforestry inventory
- Pilot the Aboriginal Caucus model

Projects

- Develop an agroforestry/afforestation business case analysis tool and provide training to assist interested landowners/communities in agroforestry opportunities
- Support the Sturgeon River Plains Bison Stewards in piloting ideas to protect their livelihoods while conserving a nationally significant population of over 400 free-roaming pure Plains Bison
- Build an Aboriginal Caucus as part of the Prince Albert Model Forest governance model
- Coordinate a forestry capacity-building program for the seven bands of the First Nations Island Forest Management Inc. and the Peter Ballantyne First Nation's Amisk-Atik Forest Management Inc.
- Coordinate the Saskatchewan Junior Rangers program
- Work with Northern Lights School Division No. 113 to expand the Askiy-Nih Traditional Resource Use Curriculum
- Further collaborate with Sweden's Vilhelmina Model Forest through knowledge exchange in Aboriginal land-use governance, climate change research and the Aboriginal student leaders exchange program
- Develop collaborative projects with the Ibero-American Model Forest Network in agroforestry, indigenous peoples learning, economic development and climate change



- Continue to support Woodland Caribou Research in Saskatchewan
- Assist the Candle Lake Subwatershed Stewardship Committee in developing and implementing a water-quality monitoring program in a fast-growing resort community

Opportunities for Exchange and Collaboration

- Climate change research
- Bioenergy industry development
- Agroforestry development
- Woodland Caribou research

Key Partners and Associates

- Association of Saskatchewan Forestry Professionals
- Beardy's and Okemasis First Nation
- Bosque Modelo de Araucarias de Alto Malleco, Chile
- Canadian Institute of Forestry – Saskatchewan Section
- Natural Resources Canada – Canadian Forest Service
- City of Prince Albert
- Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations
- First Nations Island Forest Management Inc.
- University of Saskatchewan, College of Agriculture and Bioresources
- Ibero-American Model Forest Network
- Independent Forest Operators of Saskatchewan
- Lac La Ronge Indian Band
- North Central Enterprise Region
- Northern Lights School Division No. 113
- Prince Albert Grand Council
- Prince Albert National Park
- Resort Village of Candle Lake
- Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture
- Saskatchewan Conservation Learning Centre
- Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment
- Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources
- Saskatchewan Forestry Association
- Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology
- Saskatchewan Research Council
- Sturgeon River Plains Bison Stewards
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Area

- 1 million hectares
- 100 kilometres northeast of Winnipeg
- Precambrian shield rock outcrops and wetlands
- Includes several Metis and four First Nation communities: Brokenhead Ojibway, Sagkeeng, Black River and Hollow Water
- Provincial parks: Whiteshell, Nopiming and Pinawa Dam

Objectives

- Engage new partners
- Provide opportunities for training/education through a regional trade school
- Develop closer ties with local Aboriginal groups and international model forests
- Develop a diverse economy through local-level participation in integrated landscape management (with emphasis on Aboriginal involvement and planning) and non-timber forest products (NTFPs)
- Effective communication with practitioners, forest users and the general public
- Increase the development and adoption of innovative forest stewardship practices, systems and tools within and beyond the Manitoba Model Forest boundary

Projects

- Research wildlife co-management regimes, implement a moose co-management pilot project and conduct moose surveys in collaboration with local First Nations
- Support First Nation Traditional Area Advisory Committees (TAACs) while developing new TAACs to provide a conduit of communication between industry and Chiefs/Councils on matters of natural resource development in traditional areas
- Completion and distribution of a Trapper Best Management Practices manual for industry written in conjunction with trappers
- Community workshops and training courses for economic development of NTFPs, tourism/eco-tourism and alternative wood products
- Creation of a Community Opportunities Program
- GPS/VHF tracking of caribou to identify habitat use and core use areas
- Completion of forest planning tools for water quality
- The assessment of riparian forest health (post-logging) and urban forest health, with the involvement of local high school students, leading to the creation of a curriculum
- Winnipeg River Learning Centre, a regional adult learning centre for trades training to support local industries and economic diversification (NTFPs, etc.)
- Junior Rangers Program



- Climate change vulnerability assessment and identification of adaptation options for local communities
- Continuation of an ethno-eco-tourism project with the Cabecar Indigenous peoples of Costa Rica

Opportunities for Exchange and Collaboration

- Moose co-management plans
- First Nation land use
- NTFPs
- Caribou management
- Watershed/water quality management
- Landscape design
- Scenario planning
- Junior Rangers
- Provincial curricula
- Climate change
- International projects

Key Partners and Associates*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs ▪ Black River First Nation ▪ Brokenhead Ojibway Nation ▪ Community of Bissett ▪ Community of Manigotagan ▪ Community of Seymourville ▪ Hollow Water First Nation ▪ Local Government District of Pinawa ▪ Louisiana Pacific Canada ▪ Manitoba Conservation ▪ Manitoba Forestry Association ▪ Manitoba Hydro ▪ Manitoba Metis Federation ▪ Manitoba Naturalists Society ▪ Manitoba Trappers Association ▪ Mining Association of Manitoba ▪ Nairi Awari Indigenous Cabecar communities (Costa Rica) ▪ North East Sustainable Development Association ▪ Rural Municipality of Alexander | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet ▪ Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach ▪ Sagkeeng First Nation ▪ Tembec Inc. ▪ Tembec Unions ▪ Time to Respect Earth's Ecosystems (TREE) ▪ Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Centre (CATIE) in Costa Rica ▪ Town of Lac du Bonnet ▪ University of Manitoba ▪ University of Winnipeg ▪ Wassaabiyaa Shining Waters Heritage Region ▪ Winnipeg River Brokenhead Community Futures Development Corporation ▪ Woodlot Association of Manitoba |
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*More than three dozen other organizations from diverse sectors have also committed their support.

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Area

- Approximately 6 million hectares
- Partnership of six communities: Chapleau, Hornepayne, Dubreuilville, White River, Wawa and Manitouwadge
- Northeast Superior Forest Community (NSFC) partners with six First Nations within the region: Michipicoten, Chapleau Cree, Brunswick House, Missanabie Cree, Pic Mobert and Hornepayne First Nation
- Situated in the Great Lakes drainage basin
- More than 755 000 hectares of protected areas (25 in total), including the Chapleau Crown Game Preserve, Pukaskwa National Park of Canada and 12 provincial parks



Objectives

- Design forest community governance systems to provide solutions by engaging communities in the management of forest resources; evaluate possible forest opportunities and models for resource governance; and develop new businesses in value-added products, energy and non-timber forest products (NTFPs)
- Business practices that develop an eco-industrial business cluster, optimizing the utilization of industrial by-products to create value-added economic returns
- Prepare a catalogue on the full array of value options provided by forest resources
- Assess the long-term sustainability of forest resources
- Create options for long-term biomass availability for energy/fuels security through the use of agroforest biomass plantations
- Develop and validate decision-making support tools to produce biomass and NTFP resource inventories, and conduct a financial analysis and business plan
- Engage and support communities and private stakeholders in collaborating internationally in the development of products-to-market cluster programs
- Implement a minimum of five new projects throughout the Northeast Superior and Hearst region in the area of bioenergy and NTFPs including blueberries, energy plantations and forest inventories
- Begin to develop a minimum of three projects dealing with policy-related issues, such as a youth engagement in forest innovation and forest management studies
- Bring new partners into the NSFC by defining First Nation partners as well as potential partners, both internal and external

Projects

- Development of a business plan for the blueberry industry
- Completion of a biomass inventory map
- Development of a bioenergy facility
- Opportunity assessment for NTFPs, bioenergy and wood opportunities/programs
- Database inventory development for alternative forest industries
- Pilot new ideas in a “demonstration” capacity in the hopes of impacting higher-level policy changes
- Develop and test alternative climate change and tenure models
- Determine the feasibility of creating a curriculum shift in the education system in order to bring more focus on forest products and build a culture of wood design in the classroom
- Create materials to increase public awareness of the NSFC and encourage participation in its activities
- Encourage the transfer of knowledge through the creation of new portals (business planning tools, market studies, feasibility analyses) focused on bioenergy, NTFPs and wood opportunities

Opportunities for Exchange and Collaboration

- Policy studies
- Exchange knowledge freely among different regions
- Capacity building and knowledge transfer

Key Partners and Associates

- Township of Manitouwadge
- Township of Chapleau
- Township of Hornepayne
- Township of White River
- Township of Dubreuilville
- Municipality of Wawa
- Northeast Superior Regional Chiefs Forum
- Chapleau Cree First Nation
- Brunswick House First Nation
- Michipicoten First Nation
- Missanabie Cree First Nation
- Pic Moberg First Nation
- Hornepayne First Nation
- Superior East Community Futures Development Corporation
- Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation
- Northern Community Investment Readiness Program
- Industry Canada
- Community Adjustment Fund
- Wilderness Ltd.
- Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
- Northeast Community Network
- Tembec Inc.
- Level Plains Inc.
- Canadian Model Forest Network
- Eastern Ontario Model Forest
- Lake Abitibi Model Forest
- Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry
- Royal Roads University
- Sol-Air Consultants
- Northern Information Technology and Geomatics Cooperative (NITGC)
- Wawa Economic Development Corporation
- Hornepayne Economic Development Corporation
- Chapleau Regional Development Corporation
- Chapleau Economic Renewal Committee
- White River Economic Development Department
- Manitouwadge Economic Development Corporation
- Dubreuilville Economic Development Department

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Area

- 1.5 million hectares
- Includes the territories of the Mohawk Community of Akwesasne
- Separated from New York state to the south by the St. Lawrence River
- Separated from the province of Quebec to the north by the Ottawa River
- Contains Mer Bleue Bog and Alfred Bog
- Encompasses five provincial parks: Charleston, Voyageur, Rideau River, Murphy's Point and Frontenac
- Contains St. Lawrence National Park and the Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve, as well as many conservation areas, community forests and nature reserves

Objectives

- To work with communities (including industry, government and First Nations) and other stakeholders to develop new, and advance existing, forest-based opportunities
- To work with communities to pilot ideas, conduct research and develop integrated, multi-sector approaches, based on science and innovation, that enable them to respond to a forest sector in transition and to build community capacity
- To develop and share sustainable forest management knowledge, practices, tools and experiences with international forest-dependent communities in keeping with Canada's international forest agenda

Projects

- Development of the Ontario East Wood Centre
- Bioproducts strategy for eastern Ontario
- Biofeedstock supply/operational biomass trial for southern Ontario
- Develop framework for forest owners, community managers, practitioners and forest product businesses to effectively manage forest and product certification
- Determine forest science needs through a partner-driven, community-focused analysis exercise
- Develop broad-spectrum forest risk assessment tools – conceptualize new approaches to anticipate, identify, understand and clarify forest risks
- Develop framework for piloting a community-driven environmental goods and services approach in eastern Ontario
- Community mentoring program, with emphasis on First Nations values / Naturalized Knowledge Systems



Opportunities for Exchange and Collaboration

- Biomass/bioenergy/value-added industry development
- Advancement of innovative forest certification approaches
- Development of broad-spectrum forest risk assessment tools
- Ecological goods and services research
- Capacity building in Aboriginal communities
- Sharing and capacity building with international forest-dependent communities

Key Partners and Associates (Abbreviated List)

- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Algonquin to Adirondack Conservation Association
- Amis de la Forêt la Blanche
- Boisés Est
- Canadian Ecology Centre
- Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners
- Canadian Institute of Forestry
- Canadian Model Forest Network
- City of Ottawa
- Conservation Ontario
- Eastern Ontario Certified Forest Owners
- Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network
- Environment Canada
- FedNor
- Ferguson Forest Centre
- Forest Gene Conservation Association
- Forest Stewardship Council of Canada
- Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve
- Grenville Community Futures Development Corporation
- Heideman Forest Services
- International Model Forest Network
- Lanark Cedar
- Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
- Municipality of North Grenville
- Nature Conservancy of Canada
- Natural Resources Canada – Canadian Forest Service
- Ontario Forestry Association
- Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association
- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
- Ontario Stewardship
- Ontario Woodlot Association
- Queen's University
- St. Lawrence Islands National Park
- SmartWood
- State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry
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Area

- 1 068 000 hectares
- Crown land, Forest Management Unit (FMU) 064-51
- Located a two-hour drive north of Montréal
- 75 percent of the area of FMU 064-51 is covered by designated wildlife territory (fish and wildlife special management zones and outfitters)

Objectives

- To optimize the production capacity of the land from a sustainable forest management (SFM) perspective while respecting biodiversity at the landscape level
- To increase the economic benefits of the forest and recreational tourism sectors
- To provide the necessary tools to enable the project partners and forest communities in Antoine-Labelle Regional Municipality to react to the issues and opportunities associated with forest environment resources
- To actively participate in national and international exchange networks that focus on SFM and the development of forest communities

Projects

- Identify and fill knowledge gaps
- Experiment with new silviculture processing methods through goal-oriented management
- Simulate future forest scenarios
- Initiate Le Bourdon project activities to ensure that objectives are met
- Define shared objectives
- Develop an integrated forest management strategy
- Develop an integrated land-and-resource sustainable development plan
- Draw up a participation agreement with an Aboriginal community for the sustainable development of resources
- Implement an incubator for secondary and tertiary wood product manufacturing
- Develop and implement a communications strategy
- Develop a program to train Aboriginal residents for forest sector employment
- Implement an online exchange system for partners in Le Bourdon Project (Web collaboration)

Opportunities for Exchange and Collaboration

- Biomass for energy
- Dialogue among users of forest environment resources regarding their objectives
- Implementation of Le Bourdon Project's actions and accomplishments



- Involvement of First Nations
- Development of non-timber forest products
- Web collaboration

Key Partners and Associates

- Association des intervenants forestiers des Hautes-Laurentides (*Association of Forest Stakeholders of Hautes-Laurentides (AHL) is the recipient of Forest Communities Program funding. The AHL is a non-profit organization founded in 1985. It consists of 11 forest businesses in the Hautes-Laurentides region, eight of which are holders of a Timber Supply and Forest Management Agreement*)
- MRC d'Antoine-Labelle (*Regional County Municipality of Antoine-Labelle*)
- Régionale des ZEC Hautes-Laurentides (*Controlled usage zones – Hautes-Laurentides Region*)
- Association des pourvoiries des Laurentides (*Laurentian Outfitters Association*)
- Fédération des pourvoiries du Québec (*Quebec Outfitters Federation*)
- Centre Local de Développement de la MRC d'Antoine-Labelle (*Antoine-Labelle Local Development Centre*)
- FPInnovation, FERIC Division
- Manawan Atikamekw Community
- Centre de formation professionnelle de Mont-Laurier (*Vocational Training Centre of Mont-Laurier*)
- Table Forêt Hautes-Laurentides (*Forest Table of Hautes-Laurentides*)
- SADC d'Antoine-Labelle (*Antoine-Labelle Community Development Assistance Society*)
- Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune du Québec (*Quebec Ministry of Natural Resources and Wildlife*)
- Fédération québécoise des coopératives forestières (*Quebec Federation of Forestry Cooperatives*)
- Syndicat des producteurs de bois de Labelle (*Labelle Wood Producers' Union*)
- Agence de mise en valeur des forêts privées des Laurentides (*Laurentides Private Woodlot Development Agency*)
- Ministère du Développement économique, de l'Innovation et de l'Exportation du Québec (*Quebec Department of Economic Development, Innovation and Exportation*)
- Commission des ressources naturelles et du territoire (*Natural Resources and Land-use Commission*)

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Area

- 1 254 275 hectares
- Located west of Lac-Saint-Jean, Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean Region, Quebec
- Located on the Nitassinan (ancestral territory) of the Montagnais of Lac-Saint-Jean

Objectives

- Improve the means for a sustainable existence for forest-based communities
- Develop sustainable and integrated management of resources in the forestry sector
- Organize, collect and share information through networking
- With the six Common Points:
 - Collective expertise
 - Inter-community partnership
 - Economic impacts
 - Dialogue
 - Interest, knowledge and pride
 - Environmental conservation

Projects

- Sustainable Methods of Existence
 - Multidisciplinary training program for workers in the forestry sector
 - Aboriginal entrepreneurship in forestry: the case of the community of Mashteuiatsh
 - Performance indicators for the sustainability of forest communities
 - Research requirements in accordance with the concerns of the Lac-Saint-Jean Model Forest's partner communities
 - Forestry entrepreneurship: cases of local development corporations in the forest environment – Phase 1
 - Guardian of the forest program (based on the Junior Rangers concept)
- Timber Forest Resources
 - Opportunities for the development of forest biomass
 - Degraded and unproductive sites in the Lac-Saint-Jean Model Forest
 - Demonstration of Bracke Forest AB's P11A Planter for mechanized tree planting
 - Sustainable forest management: the vision of the Lac-Saint-Jean Model Forest – Phase 1



- Non-Timber Forest Resources
 - Potential for harvesting forest mushrooms
 - Harvesting and processing of birch sap
 - Network of cooperative blueberry fields in the boreal forest, arranged according to the forest/blueberry concept – Phase 1
 - Support for the establishment of a local non-timber forest product harvesting company
- Wildlife Resources and Biodiversity
 - Land zoning to improve the management of the moose hunt
 - Endangered species and specific habitats in the Lac-Saint-Jean Model Forest
 - Marketing of undesirable fish species
 - Forest and blueberry management: An acceptable habitat for the Connecticut Warbler?
 - Pilot project for the development of moose hunting activities
- Tourism and Heritage Resources
 - Development plan: Parc Ilnu – Phase 1

Opportunities for Exchange and Collaboration

- Multidisciplinary forestry training
- Aboriginal entrepreneurship in the forest environment
- Performance indicators versus forest-based communities
- Research needs versus forest-based communities
- Forest biomass
- Wild mushroom harvesting
- Collection of birch sap
- Marketing undesirable fish

Principal Partners

- Conseil des Montagnais du Lac-Saint-Jean (CDML) (*Montagnais du Lac-Saint-Jean Council*)
- MRC de Maria Chapdelaine (*Regional Municipality of Maria Chapdelaine*)
- MRC du Domaine-du-Roy (*Regional Municipality of Domaine-du-Roy*)

Collective Expertise

- Agence de gestion intégrée des ressources (*Integrated Resource Management Agency*)
- Corporation d'aménagement et de développement de La Doré (*Planning and Development Corporation of La Doré*)
- Regroupement des corporations locales de développement en milieu forestier du territoire de Maria-Chapdelaine (*Maria-Chapdelaine Forestry Economic Development Corporation Association*)
- Société d'Histoire et d'Archéologie de Mashteuiatsh (*History and Archaeology Society of Mashteuiatsh*)
- Société de Développement économique Ilnu (*Ilnu Economic Development Corporation*)
- MRC et CLD de Maria-Chapdelaine (*Regional Municipality and Economic Development Centre of Maria-Chapdelaine*)
- MRC et CLD du Domaine-du-Roy (*Regional Municipality and Economic Development Centre of Domaine-du-Roy*)
- SADC Maria-Chapdelaine (*Maria-Chapdelaine Community Development Assistance Society*)
- SADC Lac-Saint-Jean-Ouest (*Western Lac-Saint-Jean Community Development Assistance Society*)
- Service Patrimoine, Culture et Territoire du CDMLSJ (*Heritage, Land and Culture Department of the Montagnais Council of Lac-Saint-Jean*)
- Ministère des ressources naturelles et de la Faune (*Ministry of Natural Resources and Wildlife*)
- Natural Resources Canada – Canadian Forest Service

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Area

- 7 290 800 hectares
- Geography: entire province of New Brunswick
- Crown land, private landowners, the forest industry (freehold) and the federal government
- National parks: Fundy and Kouchibouguac

Objectives

- Develop tools that communities can use to analyse their current status, identify opportunities and help them adapt to the dynamic nature of today's forest industry
- Continue to work in partnerships using science-based methodologies to develop innovative approaches to sustainable resource management in the Acadian Forest
- Work with stakeholders to diversify the bio-economy
- Work with stakeholders to facilitate relationships with international organizations
- Communicate the methods and innovations of the program to local, regional, national and international audiences

Projects

- Assist communities with sustainable planning
- Use community profiles to identify knowledge gaps that expert research can fill
- Provide infrastructure support to stakeholder organizations
- Develop a feasibility study of small-scale biomass facilities and potential sites in New Brunswick
- Continue investigation on the impact of shifts in climate on tree species in the Acadian Forest as determined through dendrochronology
- Build and pilot tools (Web-based, video and others) to transfer knowledge and information to Fundy Model Forest partners and beyond
- Develop pilots for stewardship initiatives on private land
- Actively seek partnerships within the International Model Forest Network and build collaborative projects
- Provide outdoor education to schools [at layout: check spaces between lines for consistency]
- Explore economic diversification opportunities

Opportunities for Exchange and Collaboration

- Bioenergy/biofuel industry development
- Development of tools to evaluate and benchmark resource-dependent communities
- Development of valuation of ecological goods and services models
- Value-added and industry competitiveness opportunities
- Bio-economy diversification



Key Partners and Associates

- Atlantic Society of Fish and Wildlife Biologists
- Canaan-Washademoak Watershed Association
- Canadian Institute of Forestry
- City of Moncton
- Conservation Council of New Brunswick
- Eel Ground First Nation
- Elgin Eco Association
- Elmhurst Outdoors
- Environment Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Fundy Environmental Action Group
- Greater Fundy Ecosystem Research Group
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- INFOR Inc.
- J.D. Irving, Limited
- K.C. Irving Chair in Sustainable Development
- Maritime College of Forest Technology
- Natural Resources Canada – Canadian Forest Service
- New Brunswick Department of Environment
- New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources
- New Brunswick Federation of Naturalists
- New Brunswick Federation of Woodlot Owners
- New Brunswick School District 2
- New Brunswick School District 6
- Nova Forest Alliance
- Parks Canada – Fundy National Park
- Petitcodiac Sportsman’s Club
- Red Bank First Nation
- Remsoft Inc.
- Southern New Brunswick Wood Cooperative Ltd.
- Sussex and District Chamber of Commerce
- Sussex Fish and Game Association
- Town of Sussex
- Université de Moncton
- University of New Brunswick Saint John
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Area

- Approximately 2.5 million hectares
- Geography: St. Mary's River Watershed and Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve, all of Prince Edward Island, land in eastern (Cape Breton) and western Nova Scotia
- National parks: Cape Breton Highlands, Prince Edward Island and Kejimikujik

Objectives

- Pilot ideas, conduct experiments and develop models that assist forest-based communities
- Develop and share integrated, multi-sector approaches, based on science and innovation, to address community transition that involves new and existing natural resource stakeholders
- Work with industry and other community-level stakeholders to develop new forest-based opportunities for rural Canada
- Develop and share sustainable forest management knowledge, practices, tools and experiences with international forest-based communities

Projects

- Supporting forest community engagement through
 - Community meetings and workshops exploring alternative economic opportunities
 - Information gathering
 - Leveraging funding for community projects
 - Establishing strategic direction for forest community areas
- Developing landscape management by
 - Producing forest cover change reports
 - Identifying land-use practices and impacts on local communities
 - Identifying non-timber forest products (NTFPs) best practices and heading the National Strategic Initiative on Non-Timber Forest Products
 - Identifying best practices for biomass harvesting for energy
 - Assisting in monitoring species at risk and species of special interest to First Nations
 - Identifying demonstration sites for education of woodland owners, First Nations and others
 - Workshops for landowners and the public on species at risk, land use and NTFPs
 - Presentations to schools, engaging youth
 - Assisting First Nations with a Junior Rangers Program



- Encouraging international outreach by
 - Examining and assessing potential joint partnerships with International Model Forest sites
 - Exploring capacity for hosting international students
 - Establishing demonstration sites for international tours

Opportunities for Exchange and Collaboration

- Providing capacity and meaningful assistance to private woodlot owners, both provincially and nationally
- Research methodology in community socio-economic impact analysis
- Engagement of international organizations and partnerships

Key Partners and Associates

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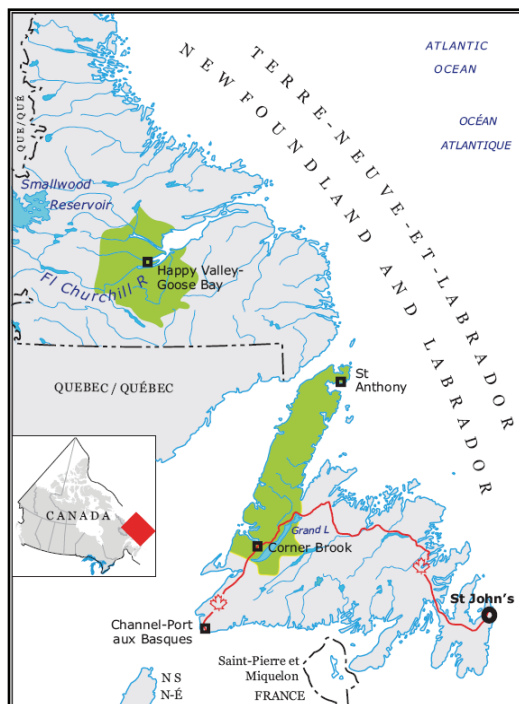
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Area

- Approximately 3.6 million hectares
- In Newfoundland, bounded on the north by the furthest extent of the Great Northern Peninsula; on the east by White Bay, the Buchans Plateau and Lloyds River; on the south by the Burgeo Highway; and on the west by the Gulf of St. Lawrence
- Geography: Gros Morne National Park, the Arches and other ecological reserves, protected waterways and provincial parks



Objectives

- Build strong forest-based communities that will effectively meet transitional challenges and produce healthy local economies
- Facilitate governance options to build community ownership and accountabilities in the forest sector
- Create awareness of science-based solutions so that decisions are fact-based, accountable and realistic
- Establish the capacity to explore new opportunities in the forest sector that directly benefit targeted communities and engage partnerships to implement activities and encourage a transfer of successful methodologies
- Deliver internationally significant success stories and experiences to benefit the MFNL partners and selected international Model Forest sites
- Implement and refine the legacy outputs of three phases of the Model Forest program that are relevant to the MFNL partners' ability to practise sustainable forest management

Projects

- Formation of two Local Community Network (LCN) sites (Northern Peninsula and White Bay South)
- Facilitate the development of the Atlantic Master Logger Certification Program (AMLCP)
- Coordinate a workshop with other like-minded, multi-stakeholder initiatives focusing on economic development issues, natural resource economies and rural development
- Develop biophysical inventories and LCN characterization reports
- Finalize the provincial Watershed Management Planning Template for Municipalities and enhance the existing watershed management planning resources for municipalities in Newfoundland & Labrador
- Develop an information-sharing system for the LCNs – first project: NL Water Resources Portal
- Workshops with LCNs and partners on the strategic approaches necessary to implementing economic revitalization activities: brainstorming, value identification, community commitment, business models, risk assessment, financing, evaluation and monitoring

- Forest-based Economic Development Working Group to formulate strategies for LCN consideration and develop a strategic directions document for all LCNs
- Continue to support the Argentine Model Forest Criteria and Indicators of sustainable forest management development through working session facilitation
- Continue our facilitation of the contribution agreement with the Innu Nation and Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Natural Resources
- Draft a forest sector professional development strategy for frontline workers and practitioners on restoring the image of responsible forest management
- Sustainable forest management education strategy development with the Department of Education
- Finalize the incorporation and charitable status of our Future Forests for Sustainable Communities Inc.

Opportunities for Exchange and Collaboration

- Regional Economic Development (RED) Boards
- Applied research and adaptive ecosystem management
- Criteria & Indicators and National Forest Strategy
- Carbon accounting
- Climate change
- Potable water/watersheds
- Market strategy
- Education

Key Partners and Associates

- Newfoundland & Labrador Department of Environment and Conservation
 - Water Resources Management Division
 - Parks and Natural Areas Division
 - Wildlife Division
 - Lands Management Division
- Newfoundland & Labrador Department of Natural Resources
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Newfoundland & Labrador Department of Municipal Affairs
- Parks Canada – Gros Morne National Park
- Newfoundland & Labrador Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development
- Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited
- Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador
- Great Humber Joint Council
- Humber Economic Development Board Inc.
- RED Ochre Regional Board Inc.
- Nordic Economic Development Corporation Inc.
- Newfoundland & Labrador Forestry Training Association
- Protected Areas Association of Newfoundland & Labrador
- City of Corner Brook
- College of the North Atlantic
- Sir Wilfred Grenfell College
- Newfoundland & Labrador Western School District
- Canadian Institute of Forestry
- Humber Natural History Society
- ACAP Humber Arm Environmental Association Inc.

Supporters

- Natural Resources Canada
- Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

