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# Model to Assess Species and Habitat Migration Due to Climate Change

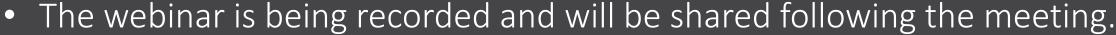
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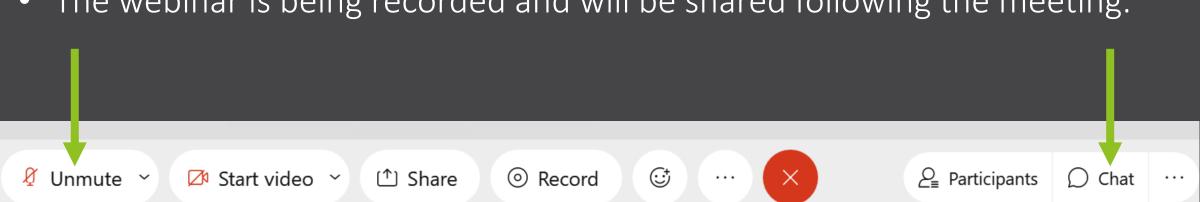
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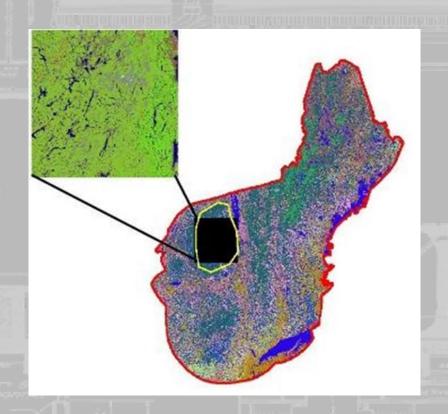


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# DATA ASSESSMENT OF SPECIES AND HABITAT MIGRATION DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

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## EMRRP









## **Project Purpose**



- SON: 2015-ER-14: Data Assessment of Species and Habitat Migration due to Climate Change
- Need: A large number of species/geographic areas are impacted by climate change, and a framework is needed to enable easy investigation and comparison of impacts across sites to allow for prioritization of restoration efforts
- Purpose: Provide a model framework and output for visualization in GIS software that allows USACE Districts to best manage for ecosystem restoration projects with ongoing changes as a result of climate change



#### **Benefit**



• Benefit: Allow users to visually see how habitats are predicted to change in the future, thereby allowing for a more proactive management approach to ecosystem management. Rather than focusing simply on a wildlife species range shift or highlighting areas that are most vulnerable, this model visualizes the most likely habitats to occur within an area during future climate scenarios.



## **Model Methodology**



- How will climate projections affect habitat shifts across the landscape and what are the most likely habitats that will colonize the impacted areas?
- The geographical framework was developed as a simple terrestrial vegetation prediction model
- The base layers of the framework include vegetation type and predicted climate data
- Dynamic habitat shifting simulation
- Multiple iterations are run to obtain a list of the most likely vegetation habitat to colonize the impacted habitats



#### **Model Design**

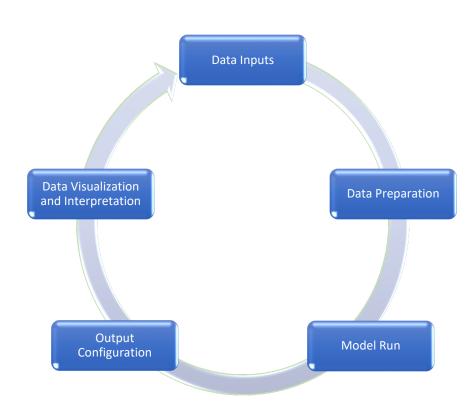


- Software and Coding Requirements:
  - Rust programming language (https://rustup.rs)
  - Rust Cargo
  - Python 3.7
- Hardware Requirements:
  - Windows 10 with minimum 32GB RAM
- Displays Results via GIS-based software
  - i.e. ArcGIS, QGIS
- Limitation
  - Applicable to regional or reservoir scale areas
  - Data and time intensive analysis
  - Currently requires programming knowledge
  - Requires significant storage space (e.g. external storage drive)



### **Model Workflow**







#### **Data Inputs**



#### Historical and Predicted Climate Data

- -Hadley Centre Global Environment Model v2 Temperature and Precipitation (rcp85/r1i1p1)
- -Temporal Range: 2006-2099 (monthly)
- -Data Type: Raster
- -Sources: https://data.globalchange.gov/model/hadgem2 https://www.fs.usda.gov/ccrc/tool/climate-wizard

#### Existing Vegetation Type (ie. USGS LANDFIRE)

- -Year: 2014
- -Data Type: Raster
- –Source: Available online https://landfire.gov/version\_download.php#

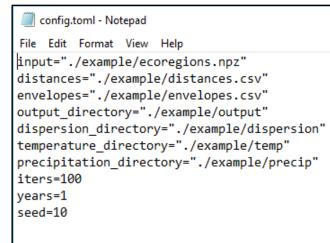
#### Dispersal Distance

- -Data Type: Comma Delimited File (CSV)
- –Source: Derived from historical changes in vegetation type

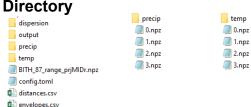
#### Climate Envelope

- –Data Type: Comma Delimited File (CSV)
- -Source: Derived from regional climate data

#### **Configuration File**



#### Model Directory

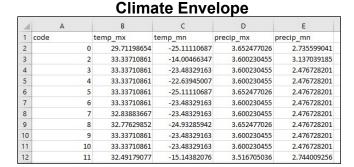


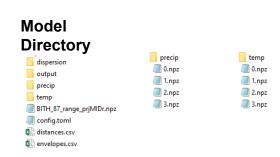


#### **Data Preparation**



- Standardize data layers spatial reference and spatial resolution
- Clip data to your Area of Interest
  - Regional Climate Envelope (ie. Northeast)
  - Analysis Area (ie. Reservoir)
- Create Climate Envelope (1950-2005)
  - Avg Min and Max Temperature
  - Avg Min and Max Precipitation
- Calculate July Min and Max Precipitation and Temperature range (2006-2099)
- Python scripts output compressed numpy format (.npz)





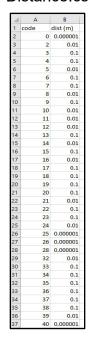




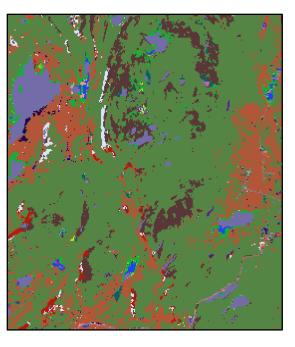
## **Model - Dispersion Grids**



#### Distance.csv

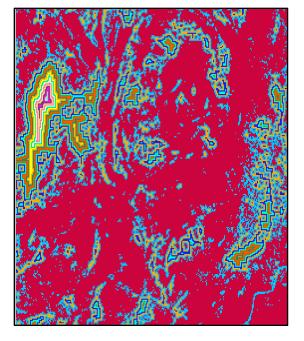


Vegetation Type EcoGrid of Habitats

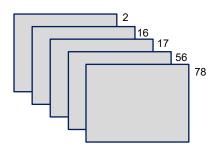


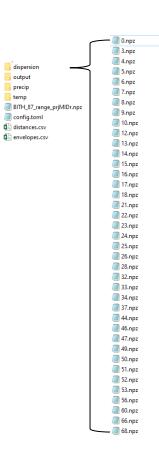


Dispersion Grid Ecocode 33



Dispersion Grid created for each Ecocode

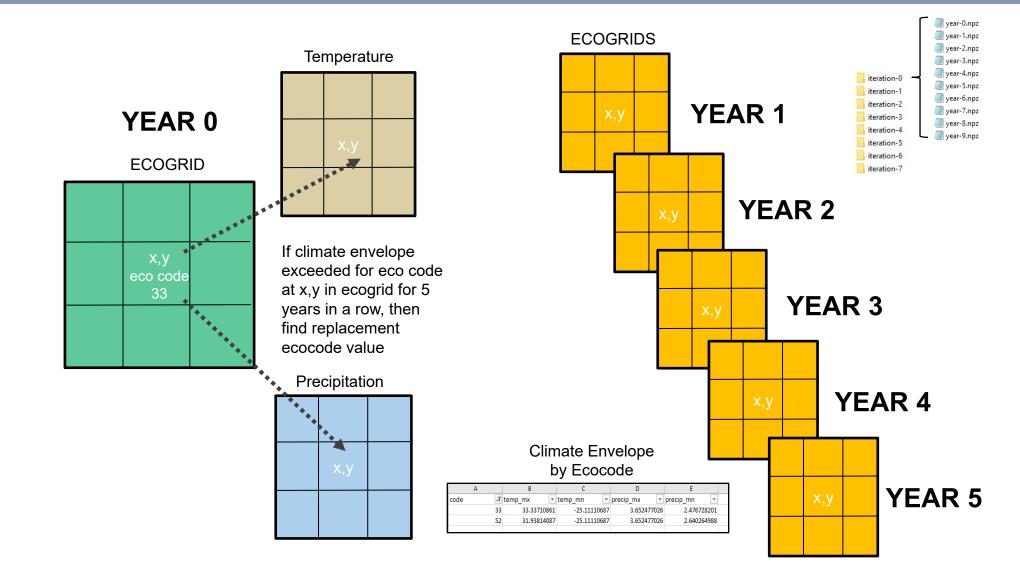






#### **Model – Climate Evaluation**





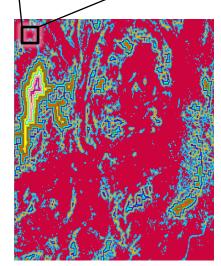


## Model – Habitat Switching



#### **ECOGRID**

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52	X,Y 33	33
52	52	33



ECOCODE 33 Dispersion Grid

#### **Climate Envelope**

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	33	33.33710861	-25.11110687	3.652477026	2.476728201
	52	31.93814087	-25.11110687	3.652477026	2.640264988

#### Climate Envelope Exceeded >5 yrs



Evaluate Dispersion Grid



Gather List of Candidate Ecocodes

[14, 45, 72, 34, 25, 61...]

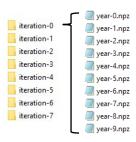


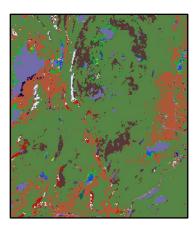
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#### Random Selection of Ecocode that Meets Criteria



#### Replacement of the Ecocode at the Pixel Location X,Y







#### **Output**



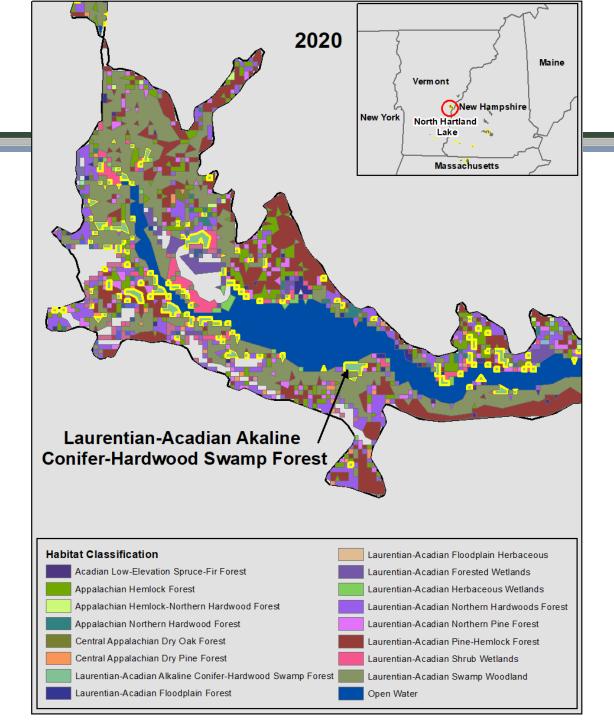
- Ecocode Grid output conversion to a tif file format for display in GIS software application
- Majority overlay analysis (2020, 2050, 2080, 2100)

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Summarizing habitats by area of interest

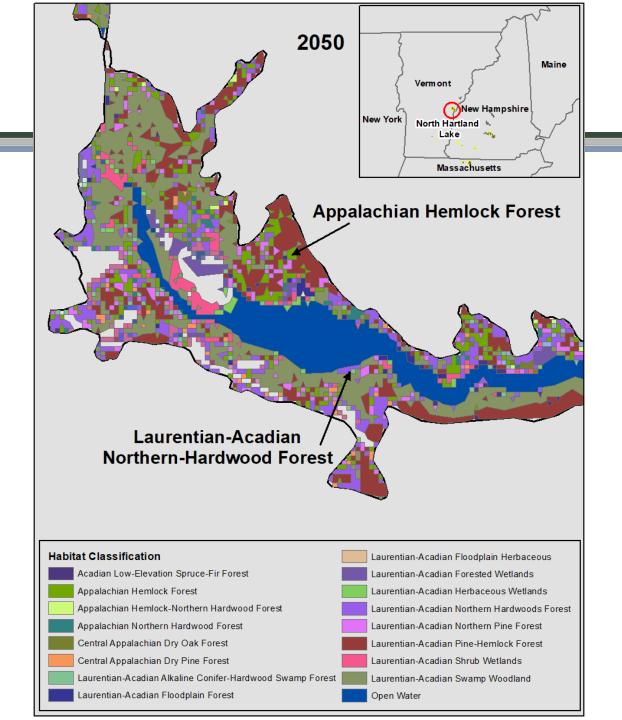
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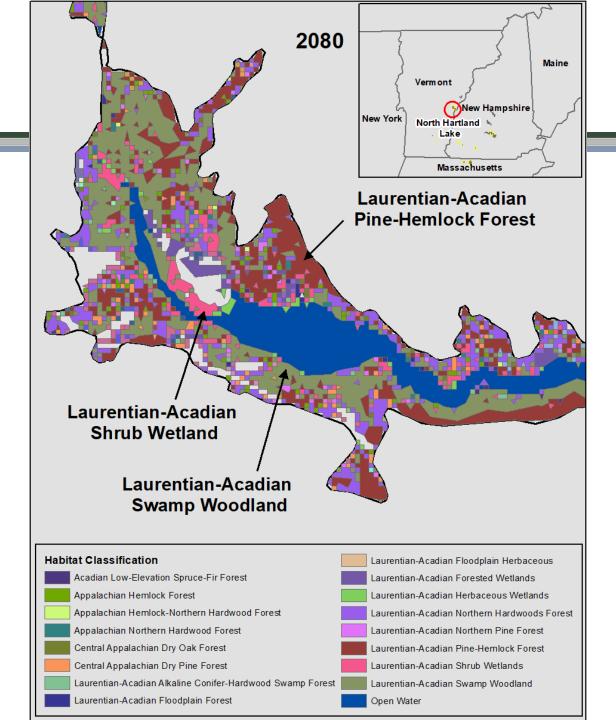
















# Percentage of Predicted Habitat Shifts: Present (2020) to 2100



			Year		
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Current Habitat (2020)	Predicted Habitat in Future	2050	2080	2100	
Laurentian-Acadian					
Alkaline Conifer-					
Hardwood Swamp					
Forest					
	Acadian Low-Elevation Spruce-Fir Forest	1.1			
	Appalachian Hemlock Forest	1.6	1.7	1.7	
	Central Appalachian Dry Oak Forest	1.6	1.7	1.7	
	Central Appalachian Dry Pine Forest	3.2	3.3	3.3	
	Central Interior and Appalachian Swamp Forest	7.4	7.6	7.6	
	Eastern Cool Temperate Developed Ruderal Deciduous Forest	1.8	1.8	1.8	
	Eastern Cool Temperate Developed Ruderal Shrubland	6.6	7.1	7.1	
	Eastern Cool Temperate Undeveloped Ruderal Shrubland	1.6	1.6	1.6	
	Eastern Cool Temperate Urban Shrubland	1.0	1.1	1.1	
	Laurentian-Acadian Forested Wetlands	6.9	6.9	6.9	
	Laurentian-Acadian Northern Hardwoods Forest	11.3	12.6	12.6	
	Laurentian-Acadian Northern Pine Forest	1.0			
	Laurentian-Acadian Pine-Hemlock Forest	4.9	5.6	5.6	
	Laurentian-Acadian Shrub Wetlands	5.3	5.6	5.6	
	Laurentian-Acadian Swamp Shrubland	2.4			
	Laurentian-Acadian Swamp Woodland	33.5	34.9	34.9	



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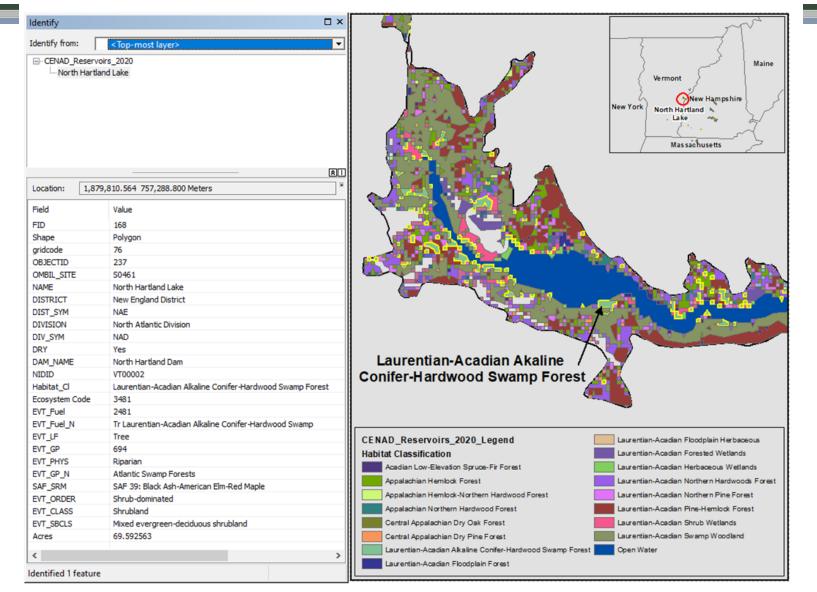


Current Habitat (2020)	Predicted Habitat in Future	2050	2080	2100
Appalachian Hemlock				
Forest				
	Appalachian Hemlock Forest	56.9	57.0	57.0
	Central Appalachian Dry Pine Forest	8.0	9.0	9.0
	Central Interior and Appalachian Swamp Forest	2.2	2.3	2.3
	Eastern Cool Temperate Developed Ruderal Shrubland	1.1	1.2	1.2
	Laurentian-Acadian Northern Hardwoods Forest	8.1	9.0	9.0
	Laurentian-Acadian Northern Pine Forest	3.3		
	Laurentian-Acadian Pine-Hemlock Forest	9.1	10.2	10.2
	Laurentian-Acadian Swamp Woodland	2.1	2.5	2.5



## Identify Habitats of Interest for a Project Area







## **Supporting Resources**



https://landfire.
gov/documents/
LFGAPMapUnitD
escriptions.pdf

#### LANDFIRE/GAP Land Cover Map Unit Descriptions

Modified by GAP/USGS to incorporate descriptions for all LANDFIRE Map Units, and the 2015 NVC Hierarchy Jan. 4, 2016

> Based on NatureServe Ecological Systems Version 1.13 Data Date: Oct. 23, 2009

System Name	Page
3001: Inter-Mountain Basins Sparsely Vegetated Systems	1
3002: Mediterranean California Sparsely Vegetated Systems	5
3003: North Pacific Sparsely Vegetated Systems	7
3004: North American Warm Desert Sparsely Vegetated Systems	9
3006: Rocky Mountain Alpine/Montane Sparsely Vegetated Systems	11
3007: Western Great Plains Sparsely Vegetated Systems	13
3008: North Pacific Oak Woodland	15
3009: Northwestern Great Plains Aspen Forest and Parkland	17
3011: Rocky Mountain Aspen Forest and Woodland	19
3012: Rocky Mountain Bigtooth Maple Ravine Woodland	21
3013: Western Great Plains Dry Bur Oak Forest and Woodland	23
3014: Central and Southern California Mixed Evergreen Woodland	25
3015: California Coastal Redwood Forest	27
3016: Colorado Plateau Pinyon-Juniper Woodland	29
3017: Columbia Plateau Western Juniper Woodland and Savanna	31



# Landfire Ecosystem Descriptions



3481: Laurentian-Acadian Alkaline Conifer-Hardwood Swamp Forest

Match Confidence: Good Match

Suggested Match: Laurentian-Acadian Alkaline Conifer-Hardwood Swamp

Codes: ESLF: 9345 EVT\_fuel: 2481

ESP: 1481 NatureServe ld: CES201.575

BioGeographical Division: Laurentian-Acadian

NVC MacroGroup: M504 Northern Flooded & Swamp Forest

NVC Group: G046 Laurentian-Acadian-Allegheny Alkaline Swamp

1997 Standard

FGDC Division: Vegetated FGDC Order: Tree-dominated FGDC Class: Closed tree canopy

FGDC Subclass: Mixed evergreen-deciduous closed tree canopy

2015 Standard

NVCS Class: 1 Forest & Woodland

NVCS Subclass: 1.B Temperate & Boreal Forest & Woodland NVCS Formation: 1.B.3 Temperate Flooded & Swamp Forest

NVCS Division: 1.8.3.Na Eastern North American & Great Plains Flooded & Swamp Forest

Summary: These forested wetlands are found across northern New England and the upper Midwest and

eastern to south-central Canada in basins where higher pH and/or nutrient levels are associated with a rich flora. The substrate is typically mineral soil, but there may be some peat; often, there is an organic epipedon over mineral soil. Thuja occidentalis is a diagnostic canopy species and may dominate the canopy or be mixed with other conifers or with deciduous trees, most commonly Acer rubrum or Fraxinus nigra. Some examples can be almost entirely deciduous and dominated by Fraxinus nigra. Cornus sericea is a common shrub. The herb layer tends to be more diverse than in acidic swamps. Small open fenny areas may occur within the wetland. Seepage may influence parts

of the wetland, but the hydrology is dominated by the basin setting.

Range: Scattered locations from New England and adjacent Canada west to the Great Lakes and northern

Minnesota.

States: CT, ME, MI, MN, NY, VT, WI

Map Zones: 41:C, 50:C, 51:C, 63:C, 64:C, 65:C, 66:C

Similar: Laurentian-Acadian Alkaline Fen (CES201.585), North-Central Interior and Appalachian Rich

Swamp (CES202.605), Northern Appalachian-Acadian Conifer-Hardwood Acidic Swamp

(CES201.574)

3302: Laurentian-Acadian Northern Hardwoods Forest

Match Confidence: Direct Match

Suggested Match: Laurentian-Acadian Northern Hardwood Forest

Codes: ESLF: 4108 EVT\_fuel: 2302

ESP: 1302 NatureServe ld: CES201.564

BioGeographical Division: Laurentian-Acadian

NVC MacroGroup: M014 Laurentian & Acadian Northern Hardwood - Conifer Mesic Forest

NVC Group: G743 Laurentian & Acadian Hardwood Forest

1997 Standard

FGDC Division: Vegetated
FGDC Order: Tree-dominated
FGDC Class: Closed tree canopy

FGDC Subclass: Deciduous closed tree canopy

2015 Standard

NVCS Class: 1 Forest & Woodland

NVCS Subclass: 1.8 Temperate & Boreal Forest & Woodland NVCS Formation: 1.8.2 Cool Temperate Forest & Woodland

NVCS Division: 1.B.2.Na Eastern North American & Great Plains Cool Temperate Forest & Woodland

Summary: These northern hardwood forests range across New England and adjacent Canada, south to

northern Pennsylvania and west to Minnesota. They occur in various dry-mesic to wet-mesic settings at low to moderate elevations (generally<610 m [2000 feet]) throughout the Laurentian-Acadian Division. > Acer saccharum, Betula alleghaniensis, and Fagus grandifolia are the dominant trees (the latter only east of northern Wisconsin). Tsuga canadensis or, in the Northeast, Picea rubens are common minor canopy associates. Ostrya virginiana is frequent but not dominant. Oak is a minor component and absent from northern regions. Successional stands may be dominated by Populus tremuloides, Betula papyrifera, Acer rubrum, Fraxinus americana, Prunus serotina, sometimes with scattered Pinus strobus. Soils range from moderately nutrient-poor to quite enriched, with associated shifts in the herb flora. This system can include large expanses of rich forest in areas of limestone or similar bedrock, as well as forests that are relatively poor floristically in areas of granitic (or similar) bedrock or acidic till. Blowdowns or snow and ice loading, with subsequent gap regeneration, are the most frequent form of natural disturbance.

Range: This system occurs in northern New England and northern New York west across the upper Great

Lakes to northern Minnesota, and adjacent Canada; occasional southwards.

States: MA, ME, MI, MN, NB, NH, NS, NY, ON, PA, QC, VT, WI

Map Zones: 41:C, 50:C, 51:C, 63:C, 64:C, 65:C, 66:C

Similar: Acadian Low-Elevation Spruce-Fir-Hardwood Forest (CES201.565), Appalachian (Hemlock)-

Northern Hardwood Forest (CES202.593), Laurentian-Acadian Pine-Hemlock-Hardwood Forest

(CES201.563), North-Central Interior Beech-Maple Forest (CES202.693)



### **NatureServe Database**



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723030	CES201.575	Laurentian-Acadian Alkaline Conifer-Hardwood Swamp	140261	Cornus sericea	G5
723030	CES201.575	Laurentian-Acadian Alkaline Conifer-Hardwood Swamp	144288	Cypripedium parviflorum	G5
723030	CES201.575	Laurentian-Acadian Alkaline Conifer-Hardwood Swamp	160163	Fraxinus nigra	G5
723030	CES201.575	Laurentian-Acadian Alkaline Conifer-Hardwood Swamp	126421	Frullania selwyniana	G2G3
723030	CES201.575	Laurentian-Acadian Alkaline Conifer-Hardwood Swamp	133967	Isoetes lacustris	G5
723030	CES201.575	Laurentian-Acadian Alkaline Conifer-Hardwood Swamp	152910	Larix laricina	G5
723030	CES201.575	Laurentian-Acadian Alkaline Conifer-Hardwood Swamp	140538	Mimulus glabratus var. michiganensis	G5T1
723030	CES201.575	Laurentian-Acadian Alkaline Conifer-Hardwood Swamp	136481	Poa paludigena	G3
723030	CES201.575	Laurentian-Acadian Alkaline Conifer-Hardwood Swamp	145794	Polemonium occidentale ssp. lacustre	G5?T2Q
723030	CES201.575	Laurentian-Acadian Alkaline Conifer-Hardwood Swamp	138983	Rhamnus alnifolia	G5
723030	CES201.575	Laurentian-Acadian Alkaline Conifer-Hardwood Swamp	129023	Sarracenia purpurea ssp. gibbosa	G5T5
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Nonvascular	Lichen	N	No	N	N	N
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Herb (field)	Flowering forb	N	Yes	N	N	N
Tree canopy	Broad-leaved deciduous tree	Y	No	N	N	N
Nonvascular	Liverwort/hornwort	N	No	N	N	N
Herb (field)	Fern (Spore-bearing forb)	N	No	N	N	N
Tree canopy	Needle-leaved tree	Y	No	N	N	N
Herb (field)	Flowering forb	N	No	N	N	N
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Herb (field)	Flowering forb	N	No	N	N	N
Shrub/sapling (tal	Broad-leaved deciduous shrub	N	Yes	N	N	N
Herb (field)	Flowering forb	N	No	N	N	N
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## **NatureServe Explorer**

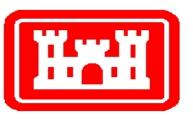


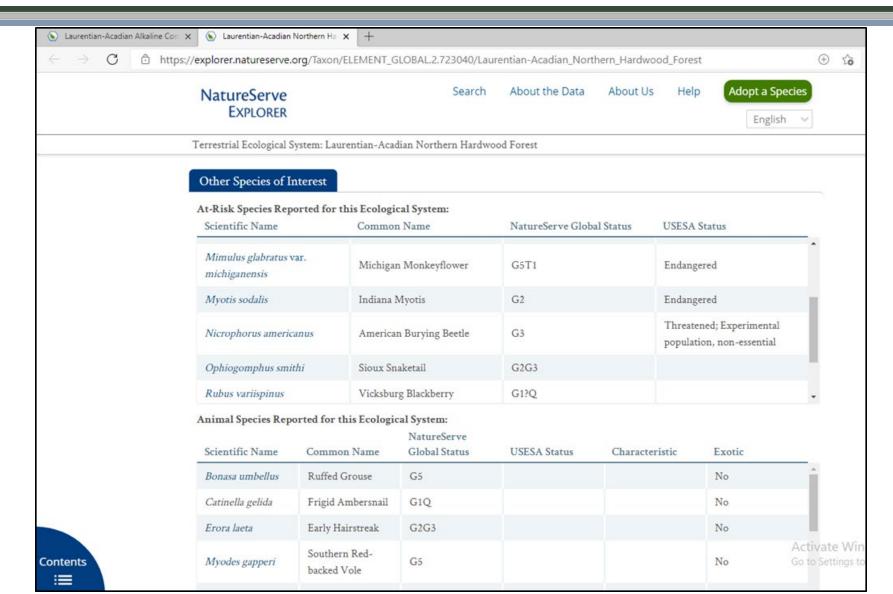
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- <a href="https://explorer.natureserve.org/">https://explorer.natureserve.org/</a>
- Search for Ecosystem Types or Individual Species (Flora or Fauna)



### **NatureServe Explorer**







## Summary



- How models can be used to inform decisions for USACE reservoir land managers and other USACE projects.
- Models that display where habitats that include threatened, endangered and at-risk species are currently located, and to what extent these range shifts will occur, will be of great importance towards future project planning and resource management
- While this serves as a tool to inform how habitats will potentially shift in future, it is important to take other local site conditions into account when making management decisions.

## **Questions & Answers**

Please post any questions to the "CHAT".



## Coming up next!

June 29<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm CDT

Topic: Monitoring Ecological Restoration with Imagery Tools (MERIT)

Dr. Kristofer Lasko

