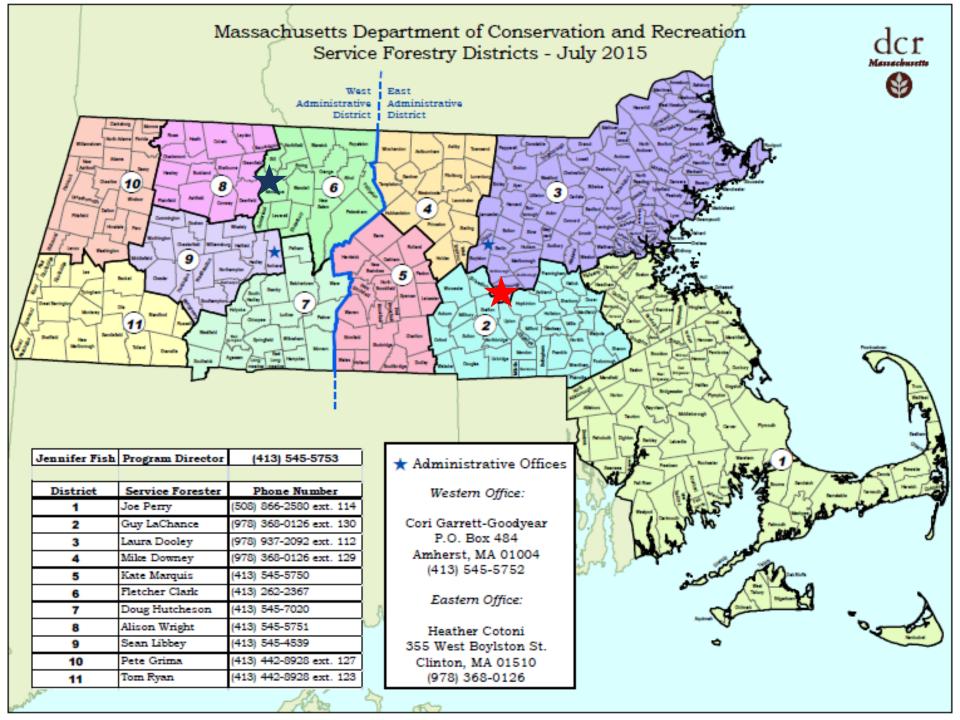
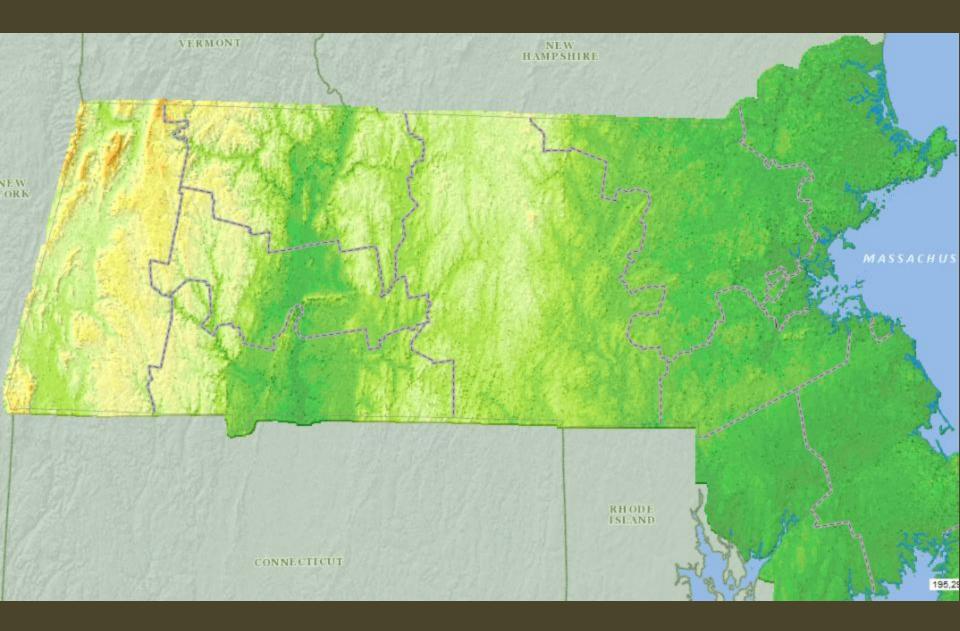
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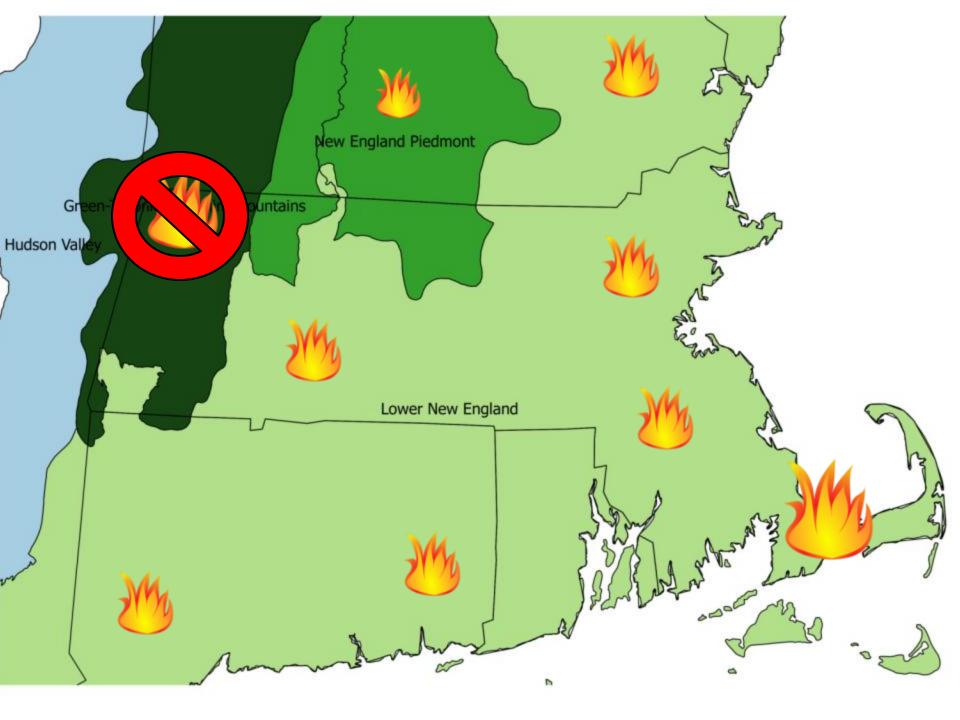


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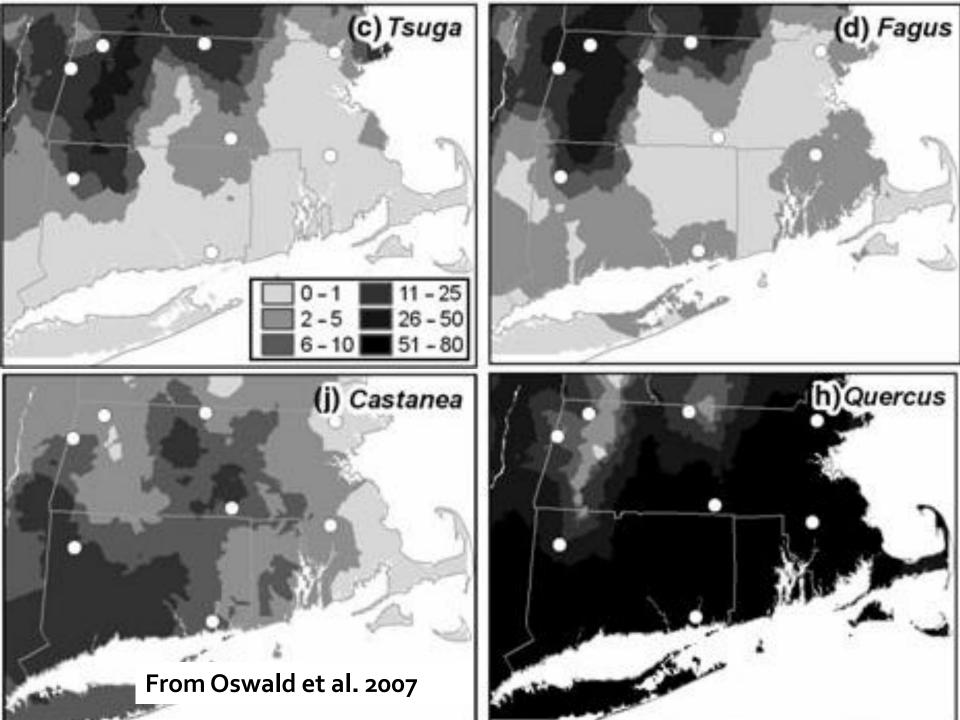


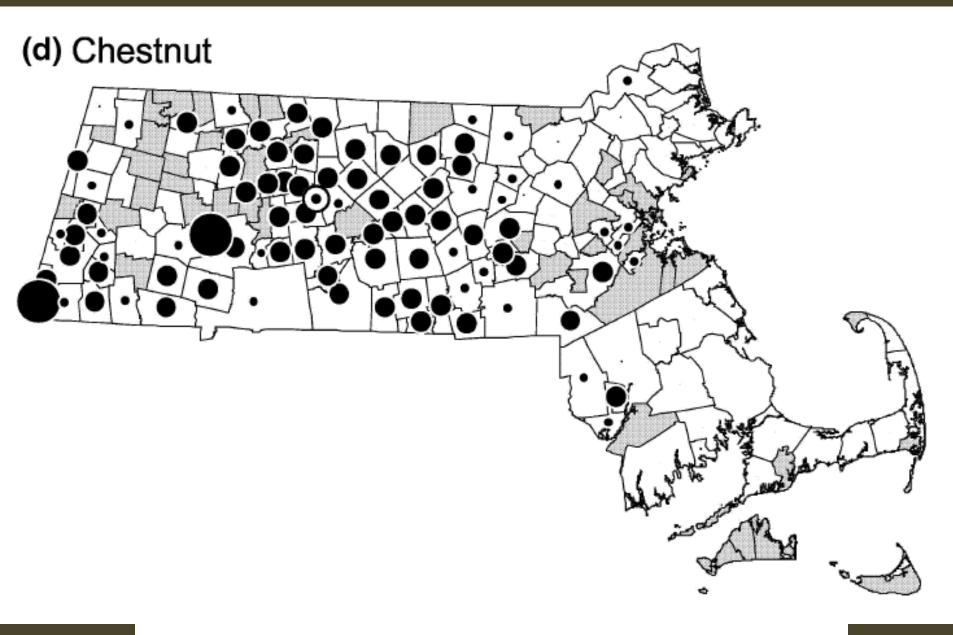
Myth-Busting

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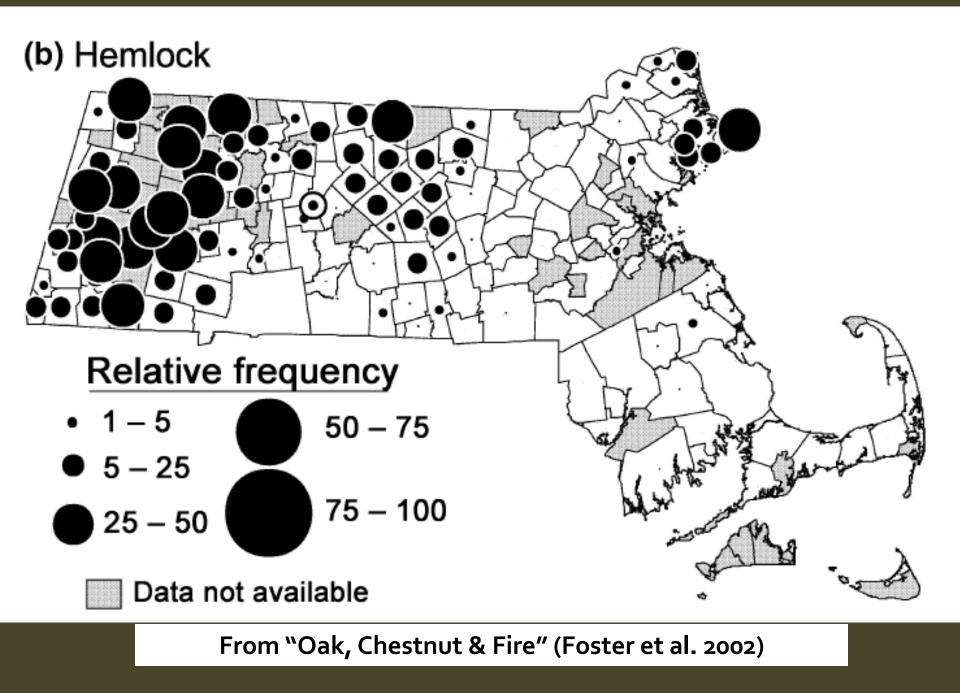
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# **The Chestnut Myth**





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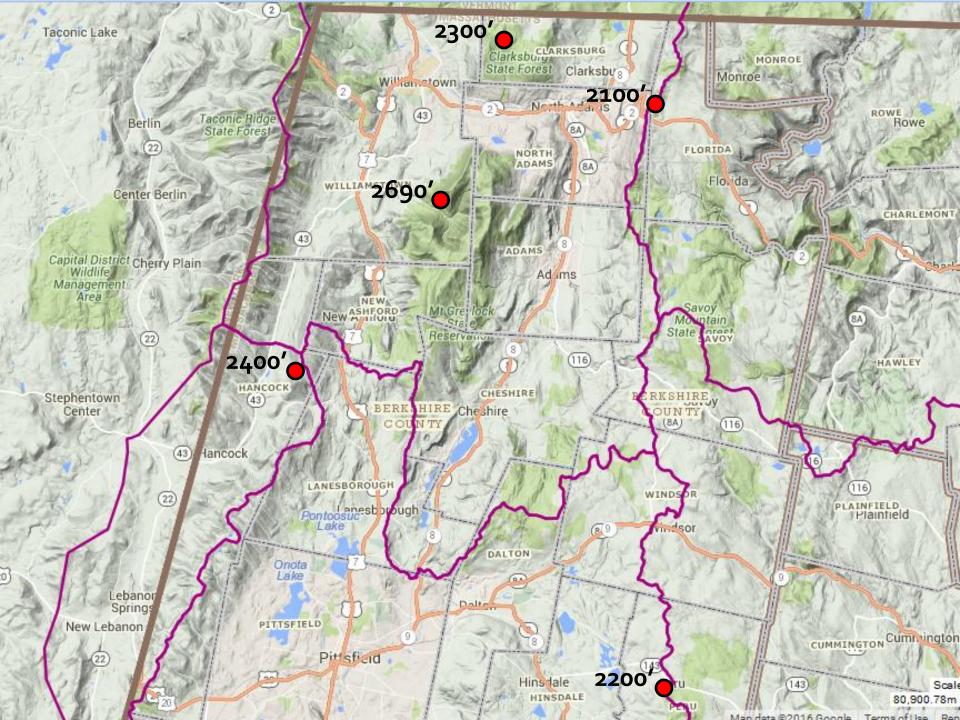
# **Beech vs. Oak**

# ... to be continued

### "Asbestos Forest" Myth

Mt. Prospect, el. 2690'

Mt. Greylock, el. 3491'





# "Oak Site" Myth

- North Berkshire
  - Loamy soils
  - Negligible outwash sites
  - Wetter, cooler climate
  - Rich-mesic sites abound

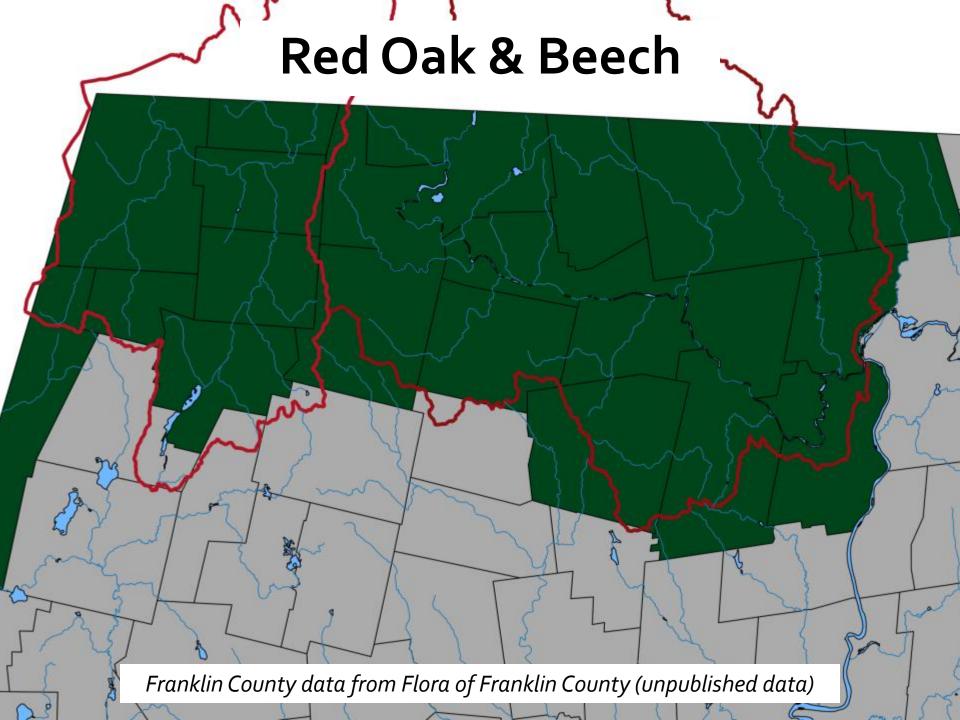
## **Red Oak ubiquitous!**

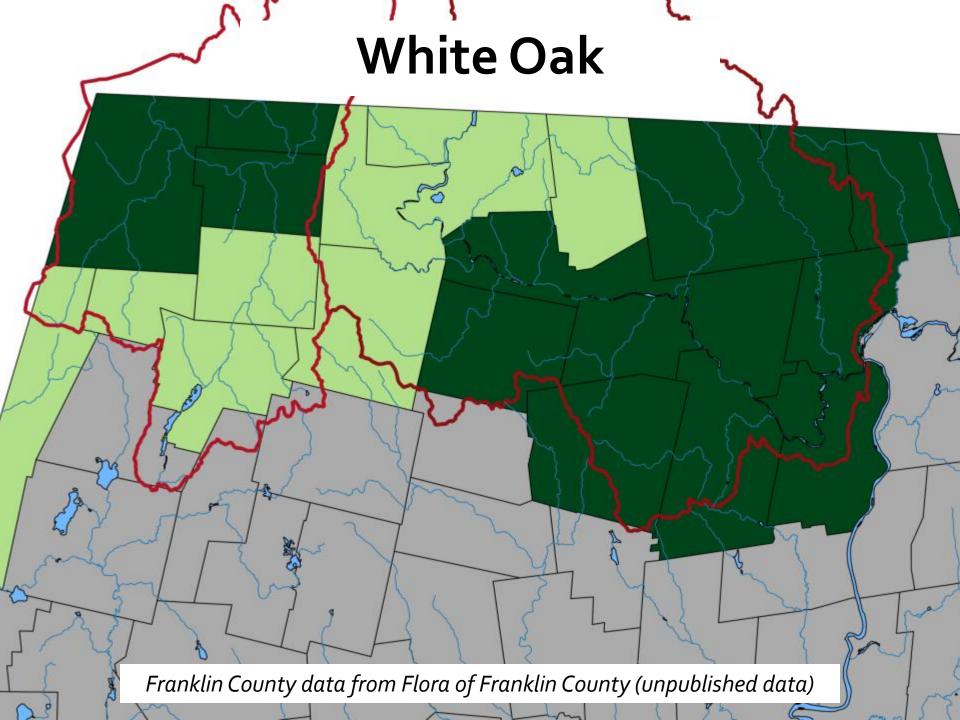
- October Mtn. SF
  - 276 acres
  - 1800-1900' el.
     536 MBF Ash
     152 MBF Maple
     Ø MBF Oak

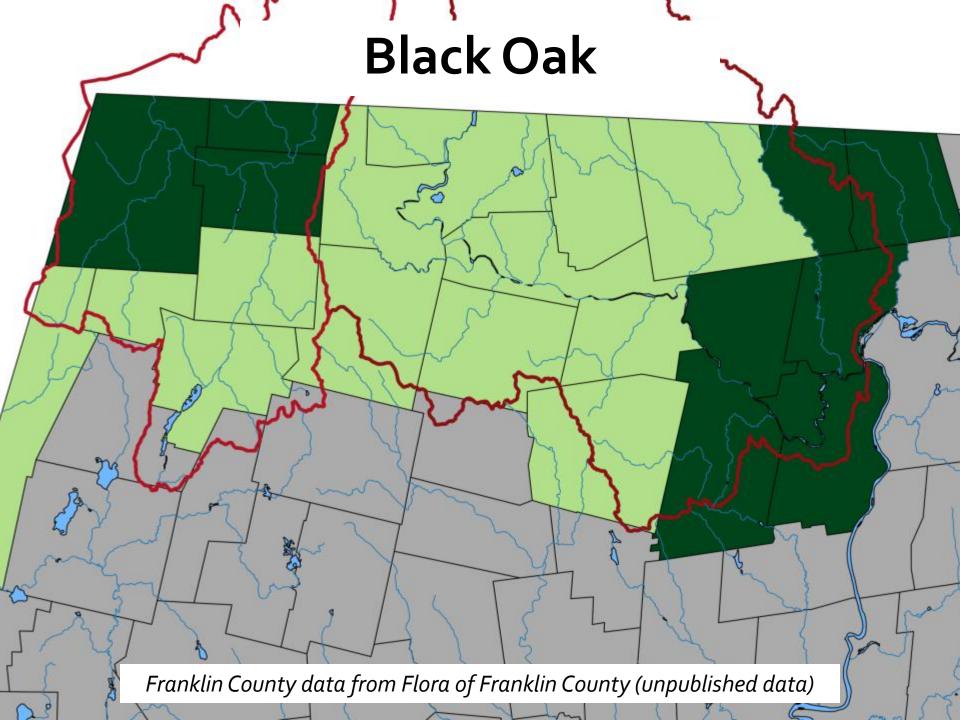


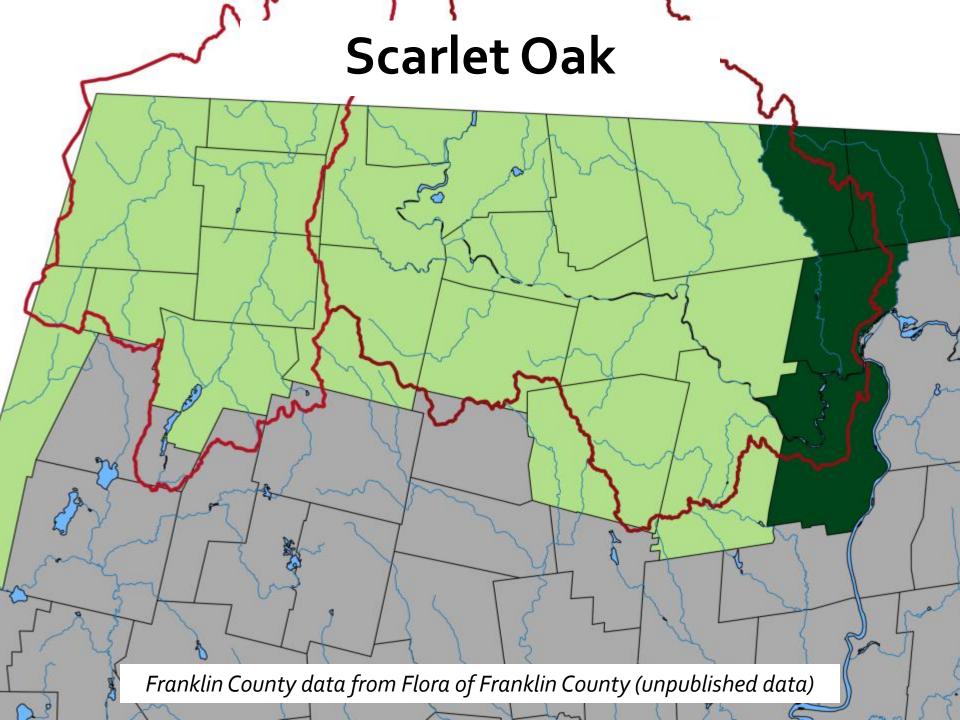
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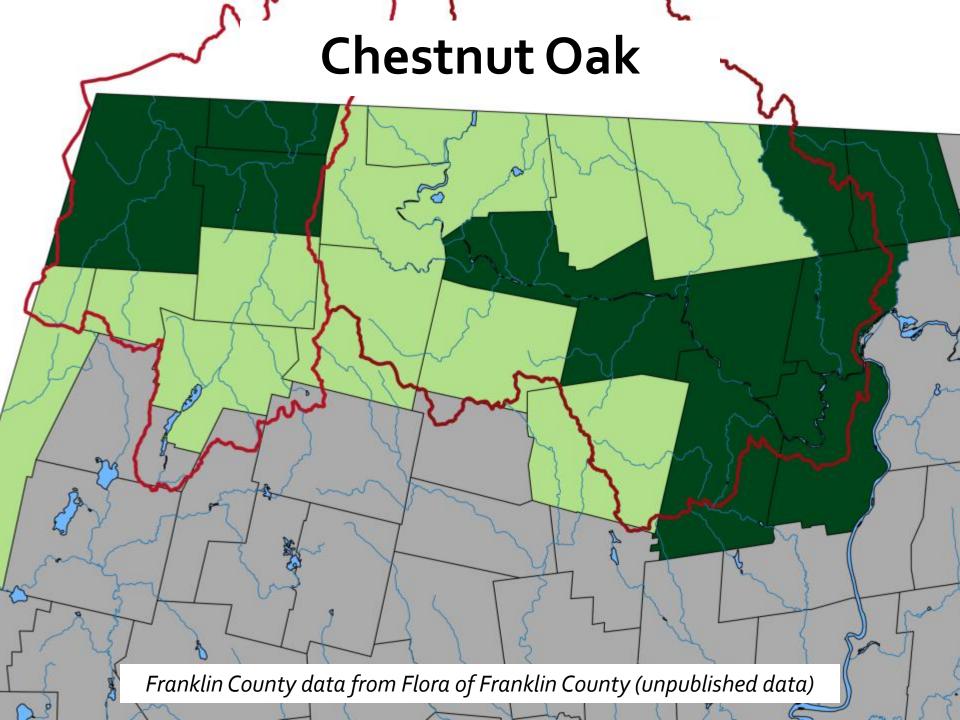
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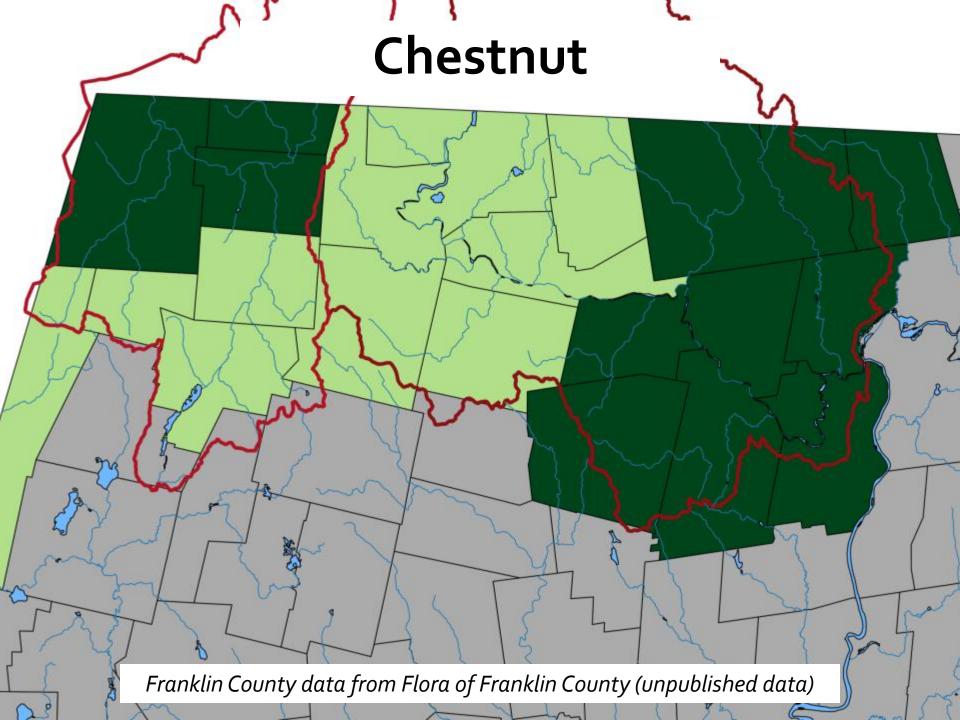


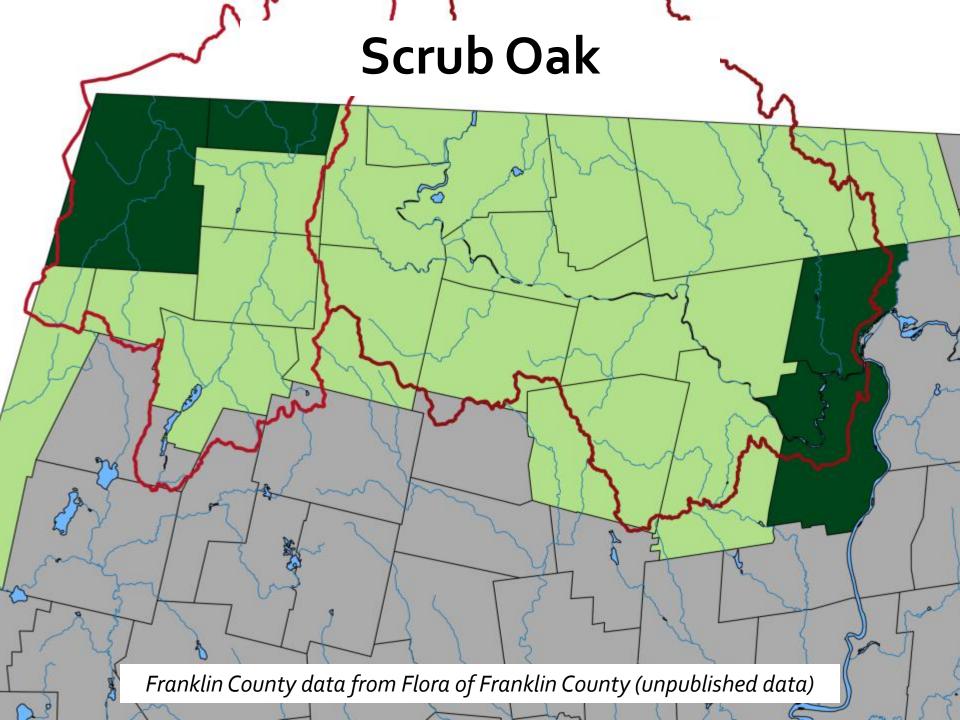






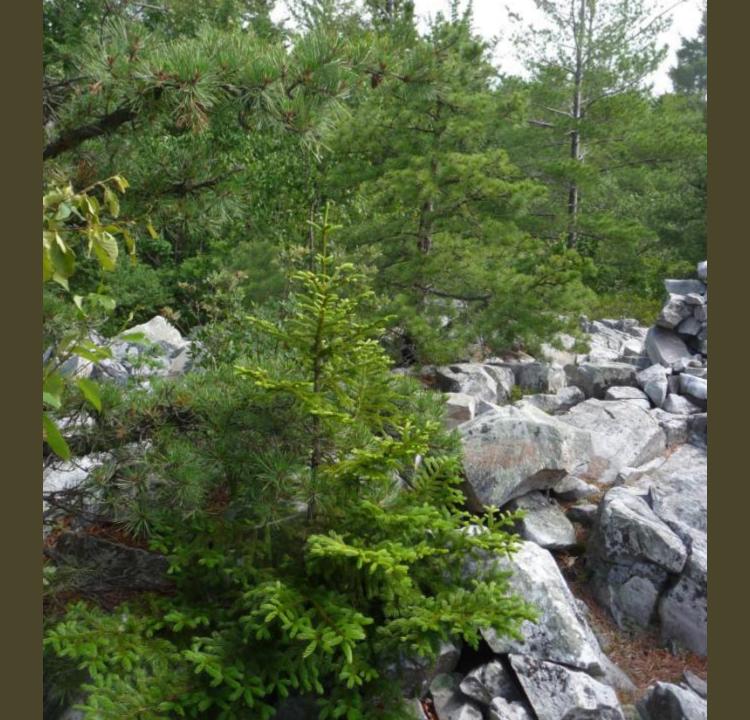






# Opportunity

### **Species Enrichment/Migration**





### Lonicera hirsuta

#### Desmodium cuspidatum

pictured: Lonicera dioica

pictured: Desmodium paniculatum

# Opportunity

### Site & Fuel Bed Prep

