



Rugg Property/ Fort Rock Trails



Proposal to create a new
Community Forest

Introductions

- **Trust for Public Land | Lynnette Batt, Project Manager**
Project Manager
- **Southeast Land Trust | Duane Hyde, Land Conservation Director**
Project Support, Local Outreach
- **Newfields Conservation Commission | Jeff Couture, Co-Chair**
Town Contact
- **Newfields Town Moderator, John Hayden**

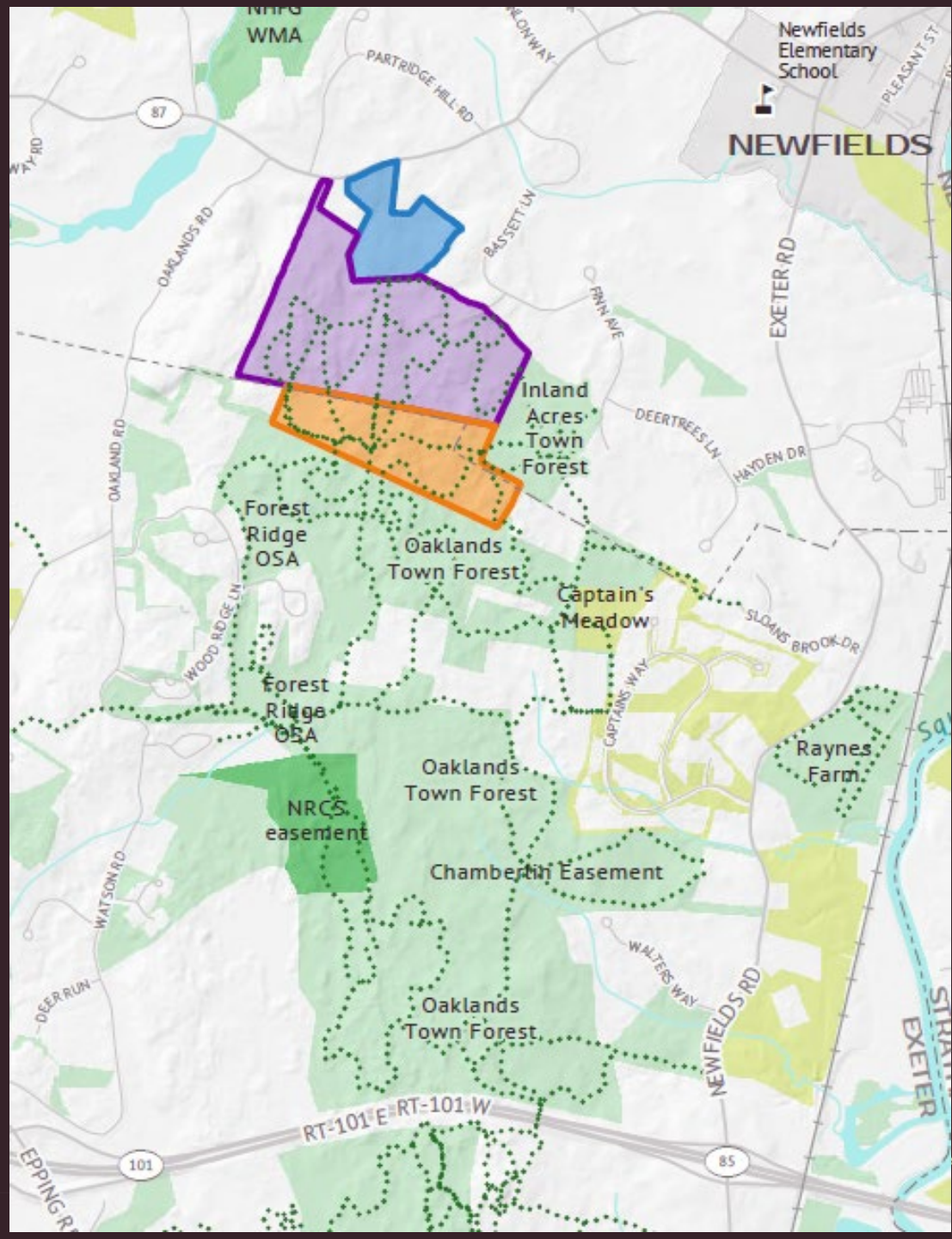
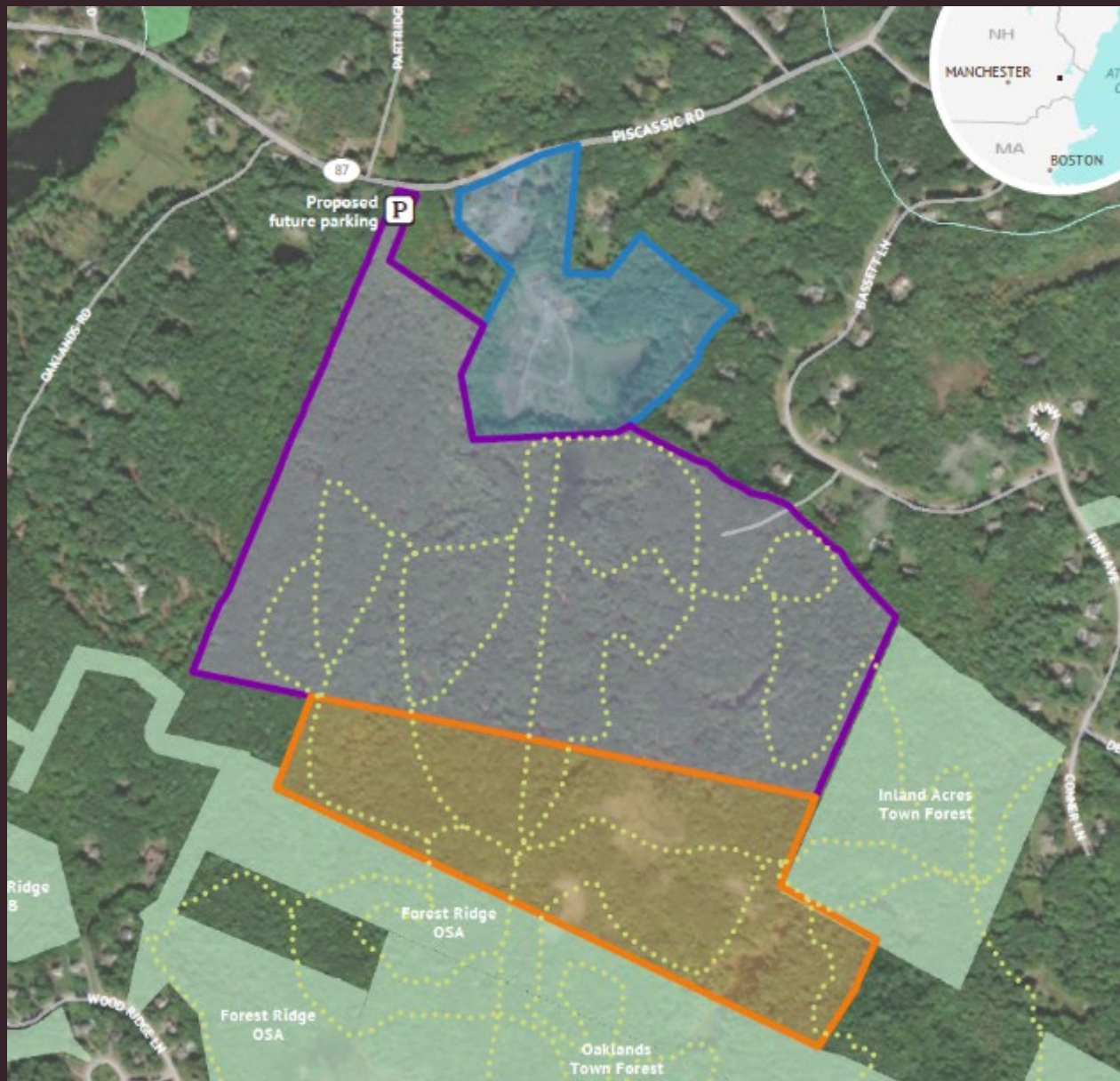
Trust for Public Land Intro

- National nonprofit with a mission to create parks and protect land for people
- Celebrating our 50th anniversary this year / 2023
- Work in four areas: parks, lands, trails and schoolyards – projects span urban parks to community forests to large public lands
- In New Hampshire, we have worked with communities across the state for over 25 years, and conserved over 265,000 acres of land through more than 65 projects
- **Lynnette Batt, Project Manager**
 - Joined TPL in 2022, cover western Maine and New Hampshire
 - Background is conservation ecology, with 15 years experience in land conservation and restoration
 - Part of TPL's New England region, with about 15 staff in ME, NH, VT and MA

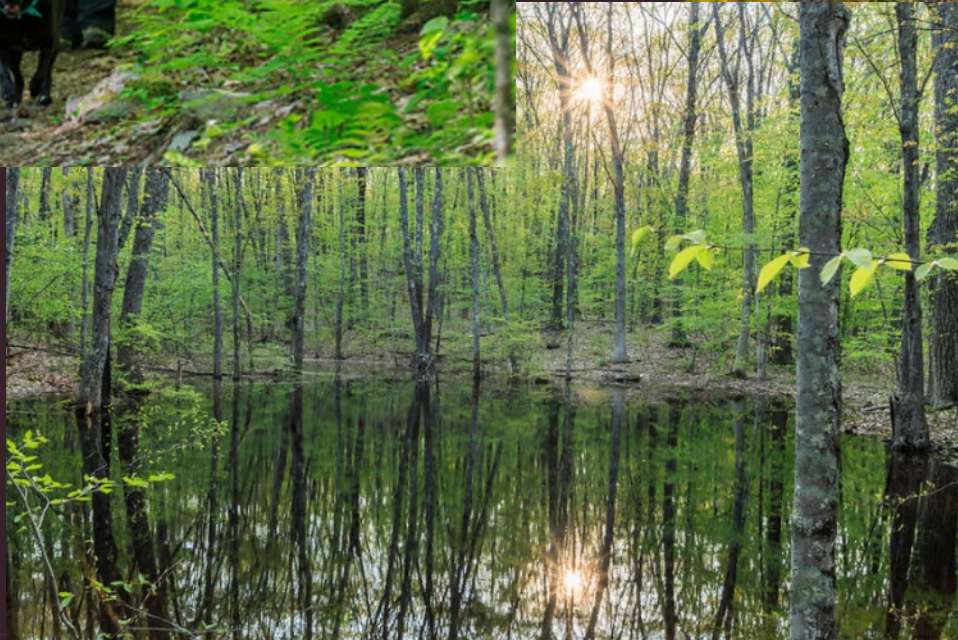
Meeting Agenda

- **Overview of Proposed Project – Lynnette Batt**
 - What's being proposed
 - Public use/ recreation/ conservation values
 - Alternatives/ development potential
 - Cost and funding sources
 - Creation of a community forest
 - Timeline and next steps
- **Comments from the Conservation Commission – Jeff Couture**
- **Questions – moderated by John Hayden**

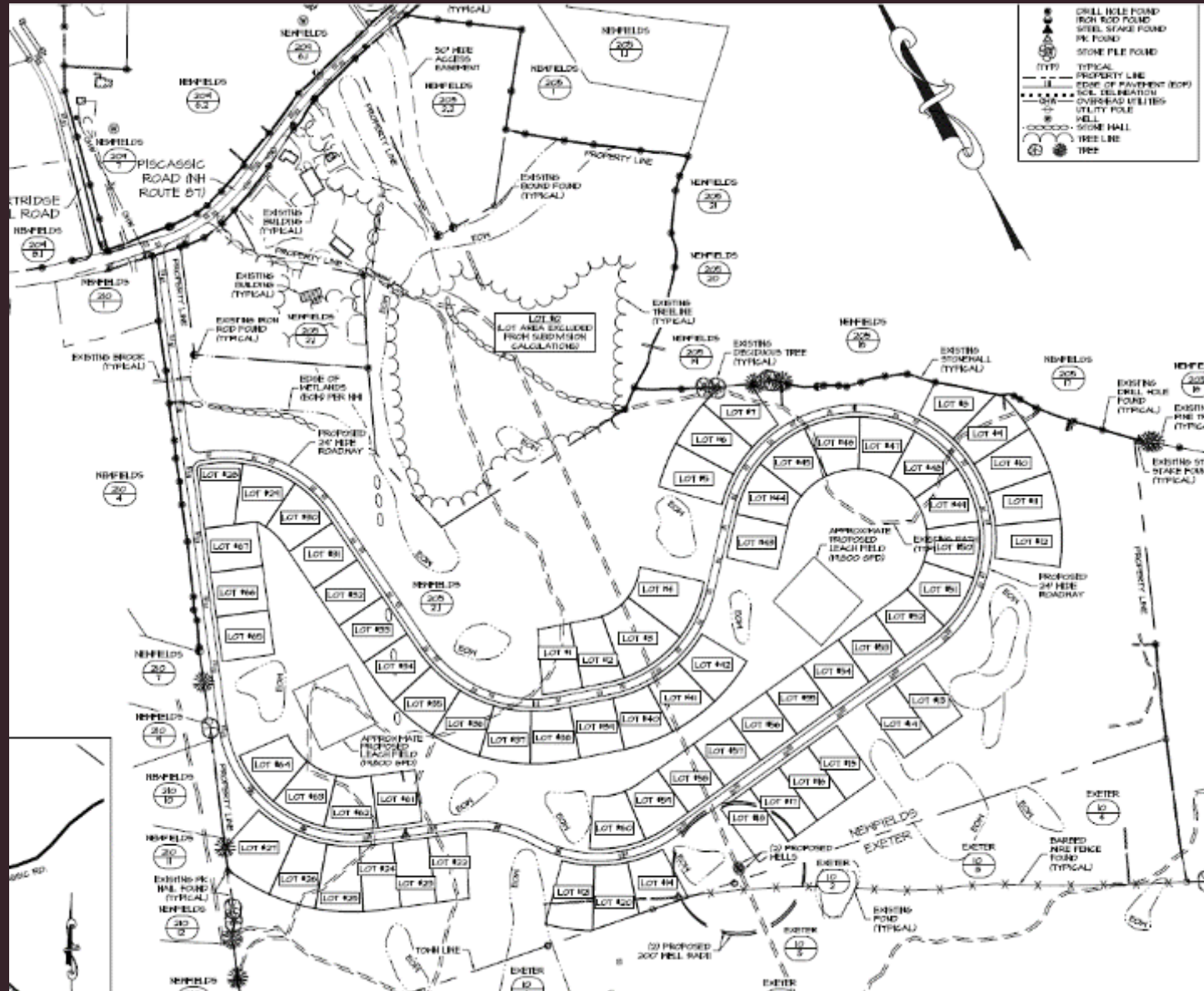
What's Being Proposed



Public Recreation and Conservation Values



Alternatives / Subdivision Potential



Estimated Cost and Proposed Funding

Based on independent appraisal
to highest (federal) standards

Newfields 101 acres: \$3,525,000

Exeter 47 acres: \$1,642,000

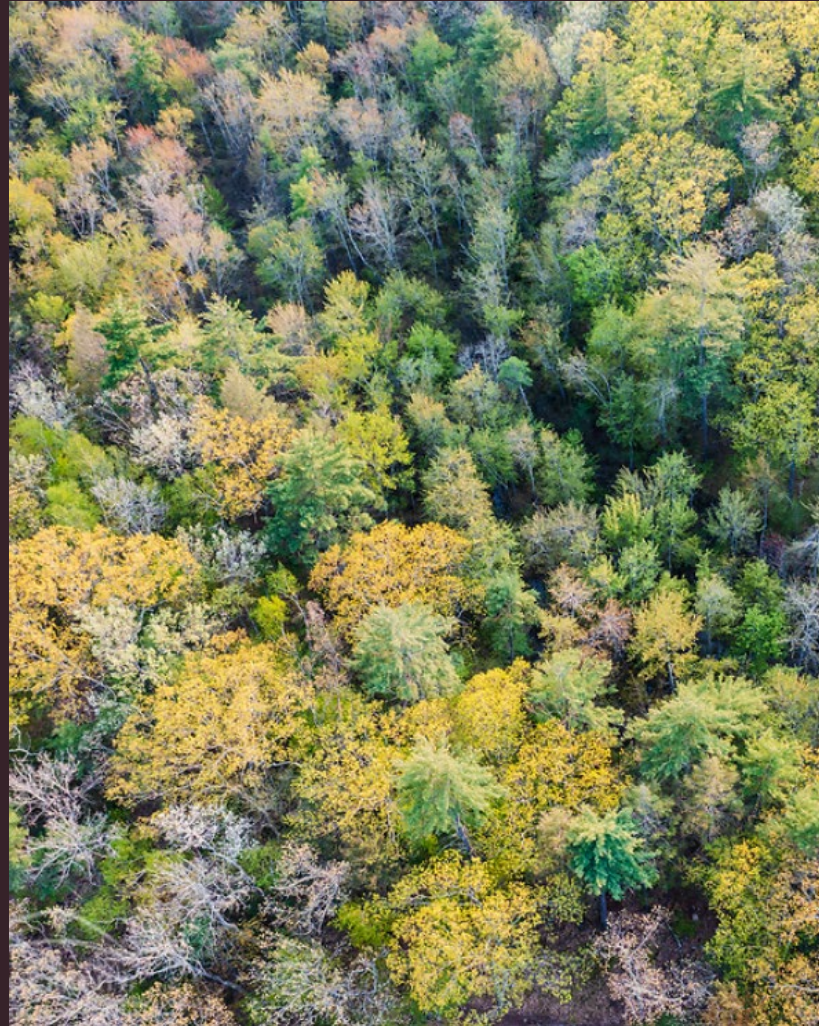
Total: \$5,166,000

For Newfields: 2-3 public (state
and federal) grants proposed,
awards up to \$1.6 million

Remaining \$1.9 to \$2.4 million
proposed to be town bond or loan



Creation of a Community Forest



Timeline and Next Steps

Fall: additional public meeting/s,
continue grant applications

March 2024: public vote/
referendum on town bond or loan

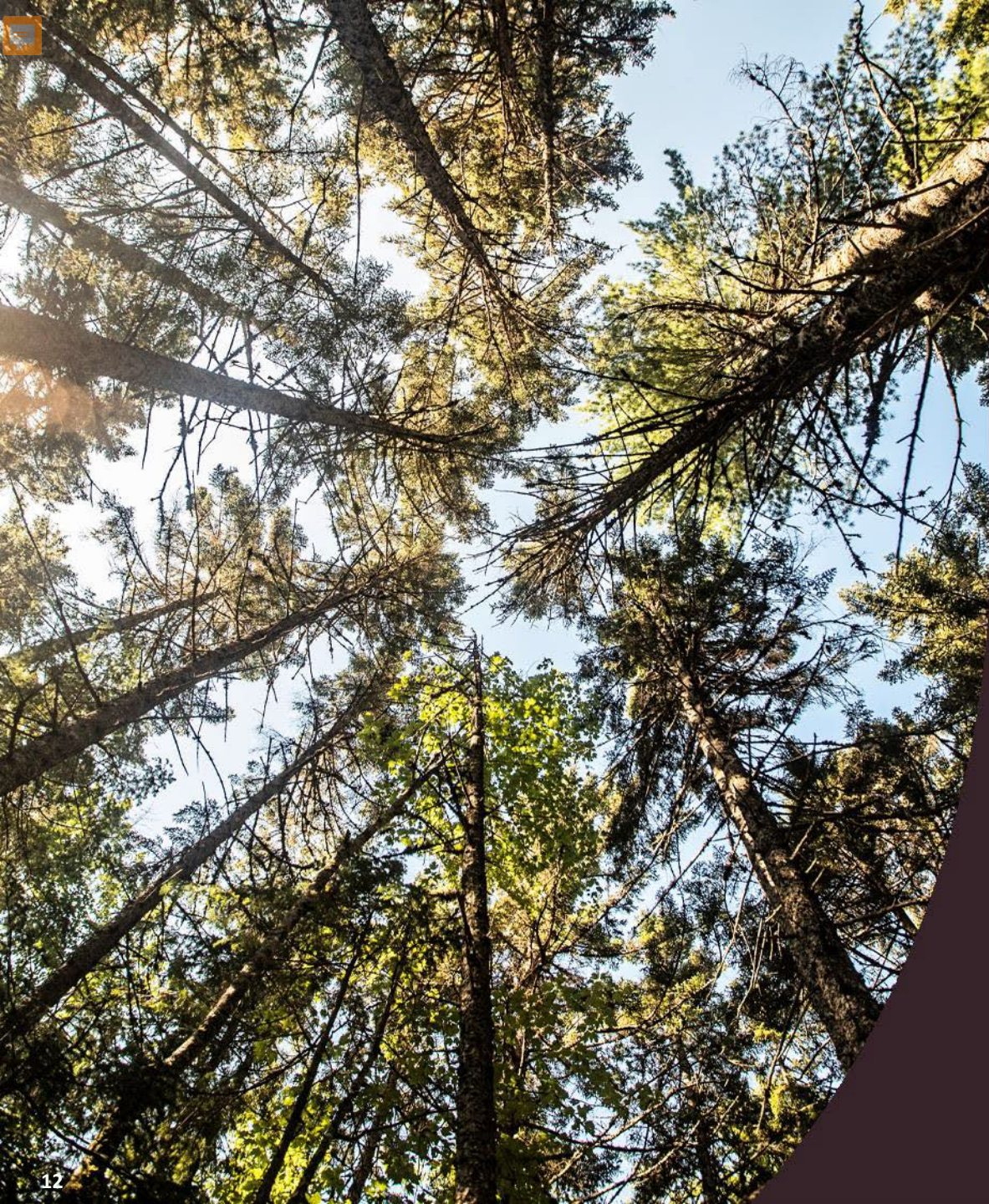
Throughout 2024: finish grant
applications, private fundraising
campaign, due diligence

First half of 2025: closing



Jeff Couture

Newfields Conservation Commission



Questions & Input