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The Ohio Interagency Forestry Team: Partnering to Enhance Resiliency through Shared Stewardship

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Ohio's Forest

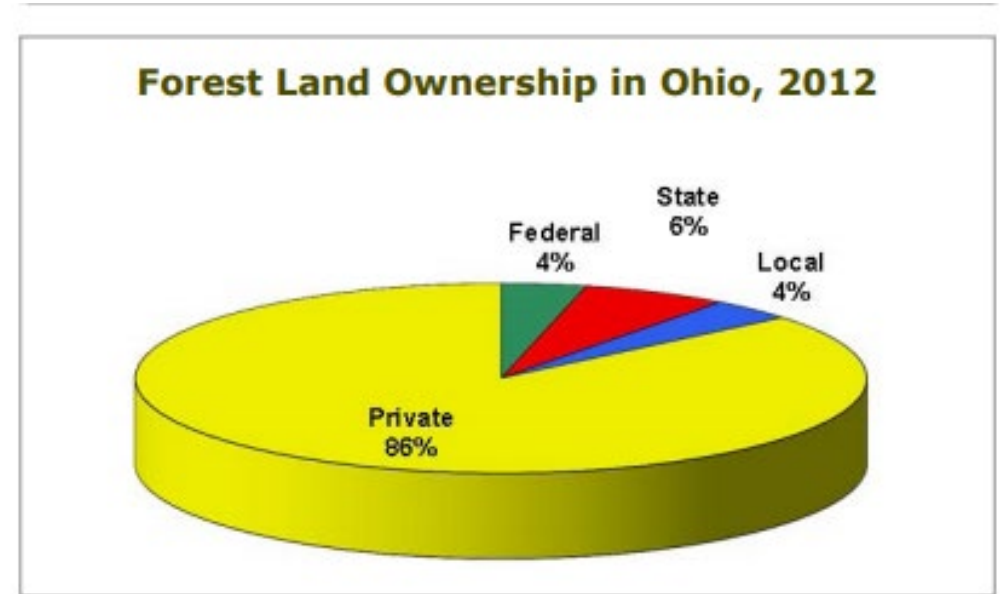
- Ohio's Appalachian counties make up about 33% of the land base
- But....66% of our forest is in these counties
- **8 counties with poverty rates above 20% are in Appalachia**



Ohio Forests 2011-USDA FS NRS90

Forest Ownership in Ohio

- 86% of Ohio's woodland acres are privately owned
- **72% are controlled by family forest owners**
- Shared stewardship is key to collective impact



Source: 2017 Ohio, Forest Health Highlights, USDA Forest Service State and Private, ODNR Division of Forestry

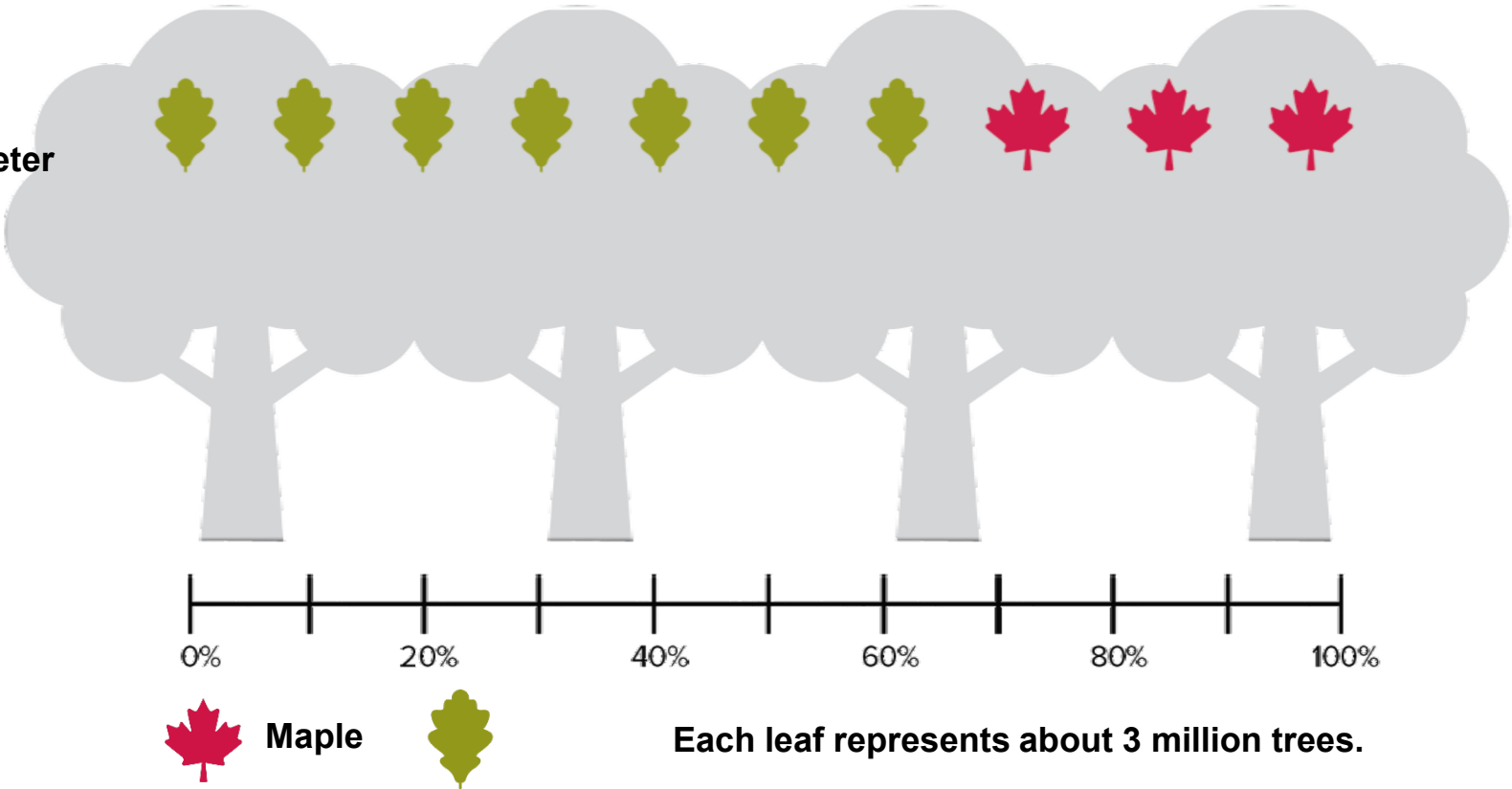
Importance of Oak in Appalachian Ohio

- Appalachian Oaks contribute greatly to Ohio's forest industry which generates \$26 billion in total economic activity annually
- Oaks provide essential habitat components for more than 90 wildlife species
- Oaks can live for hundreds of years which helps to stabilize forest communities



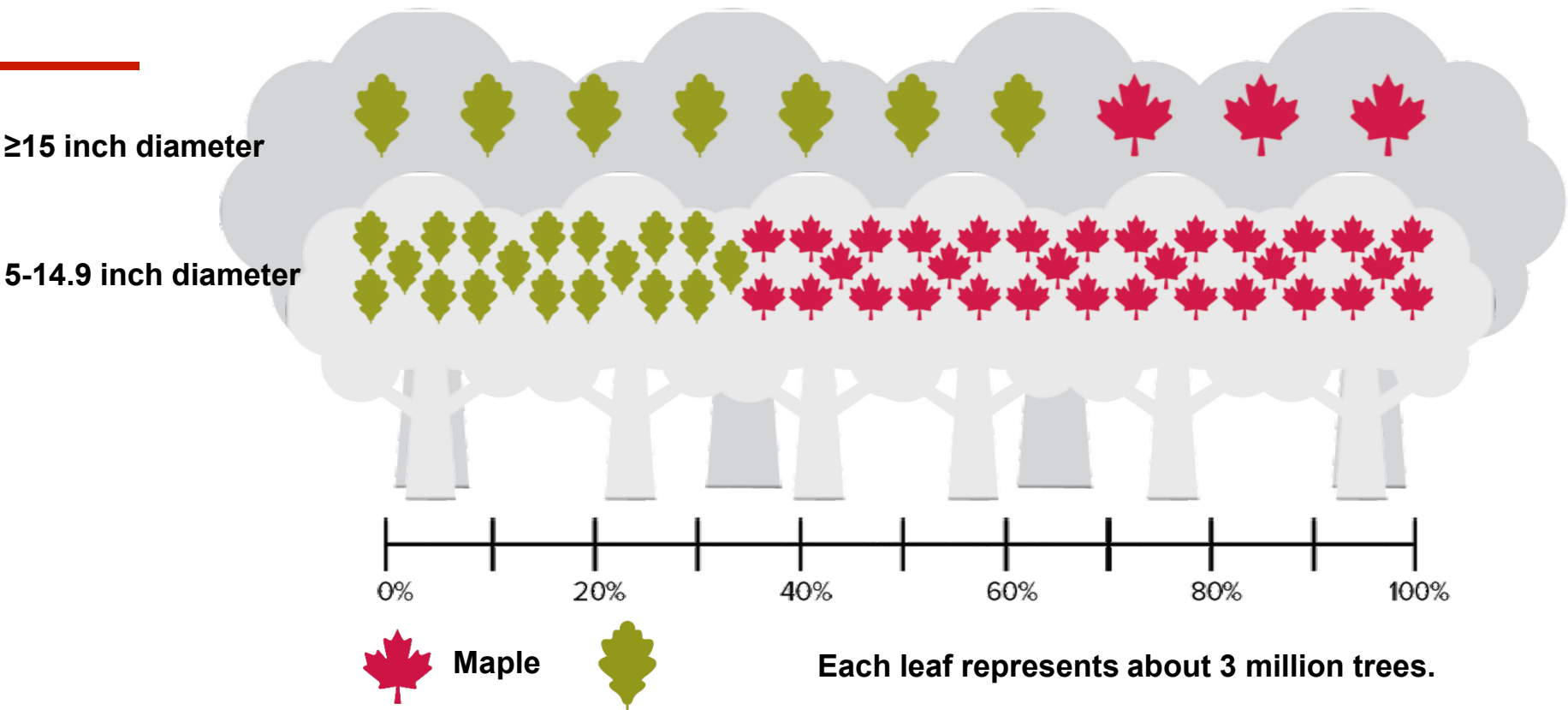
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≥15 inch diameter



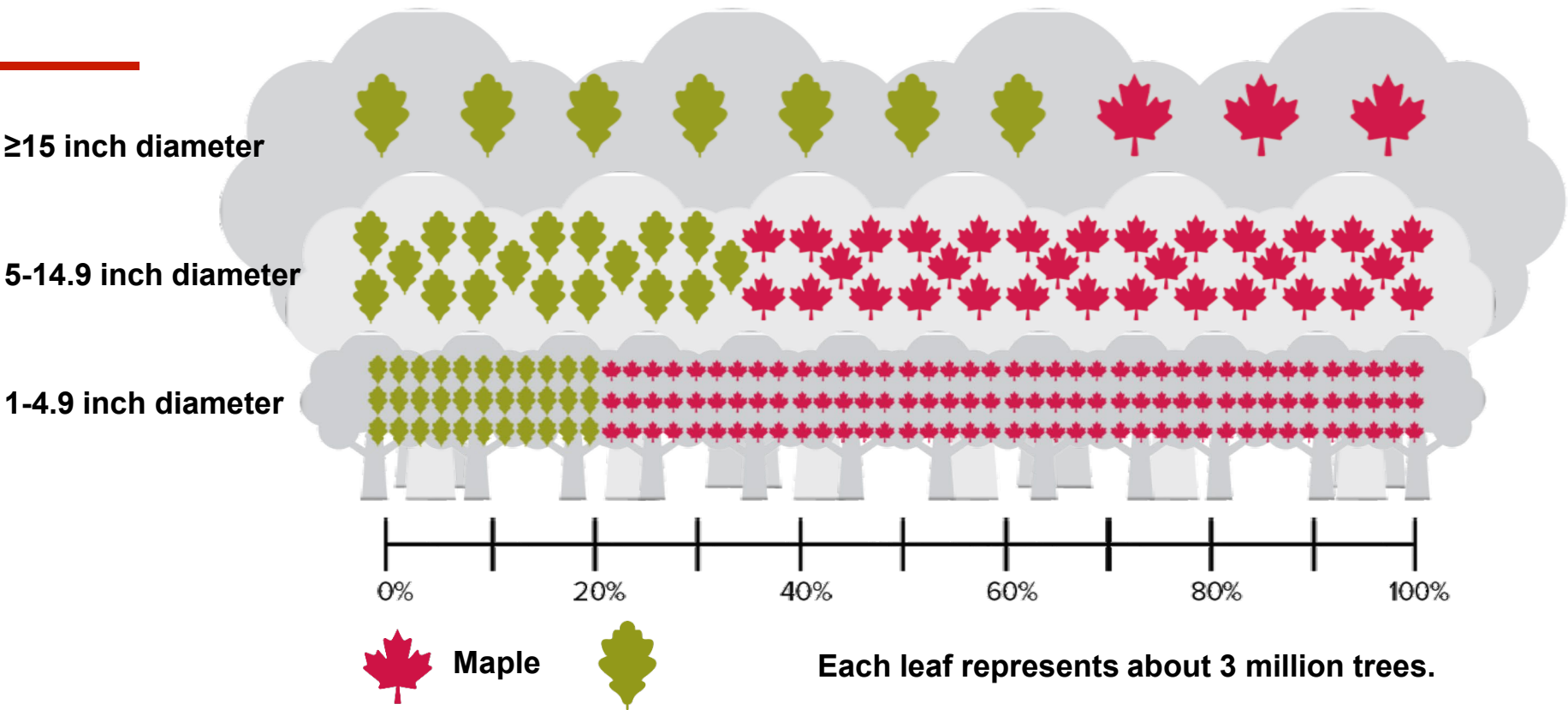
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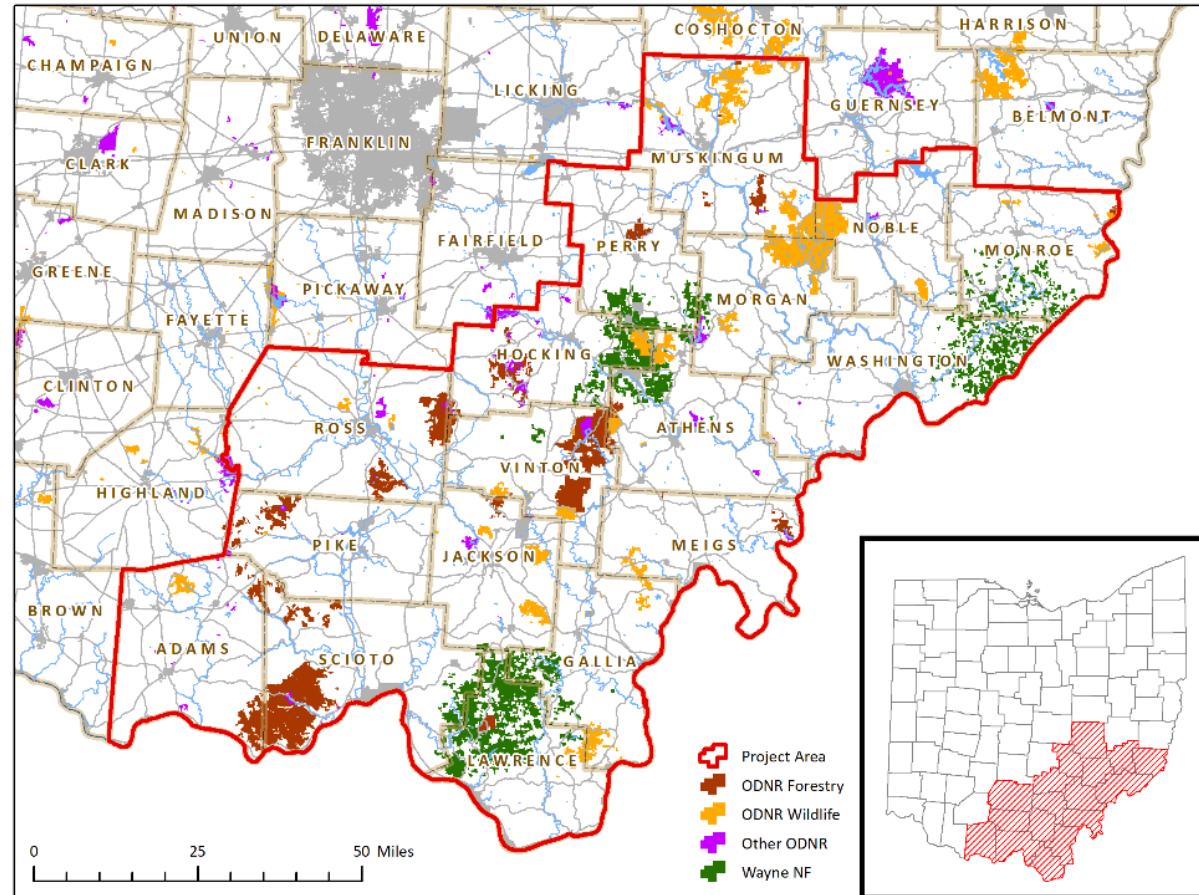


More to come:

- Non-profits: National Wild Turkey Federation and The Nature Conservancy
- Industry: Ohio Forestry Association
- Other Departments and Universities
- Other Government

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Interagency Forestry Team Planning Area

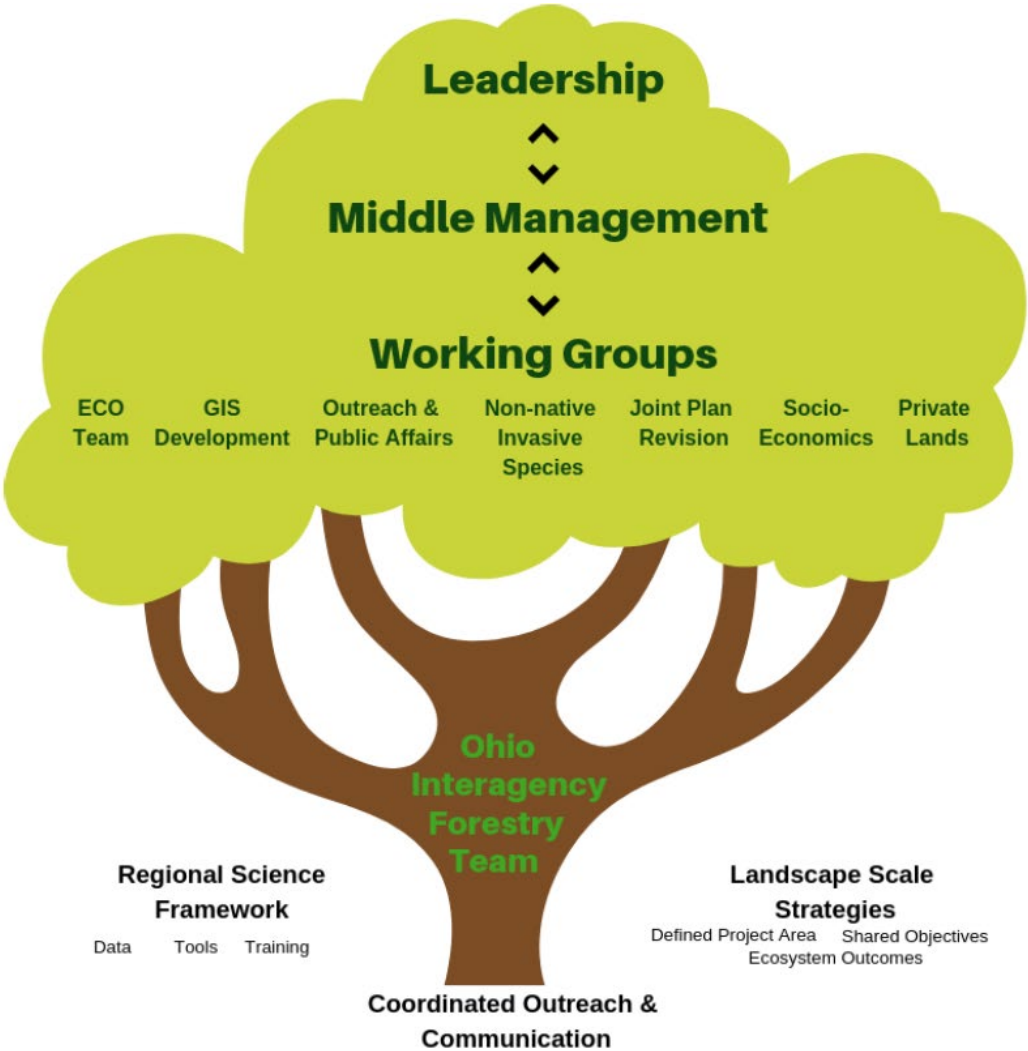


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A New Way of Doing Business

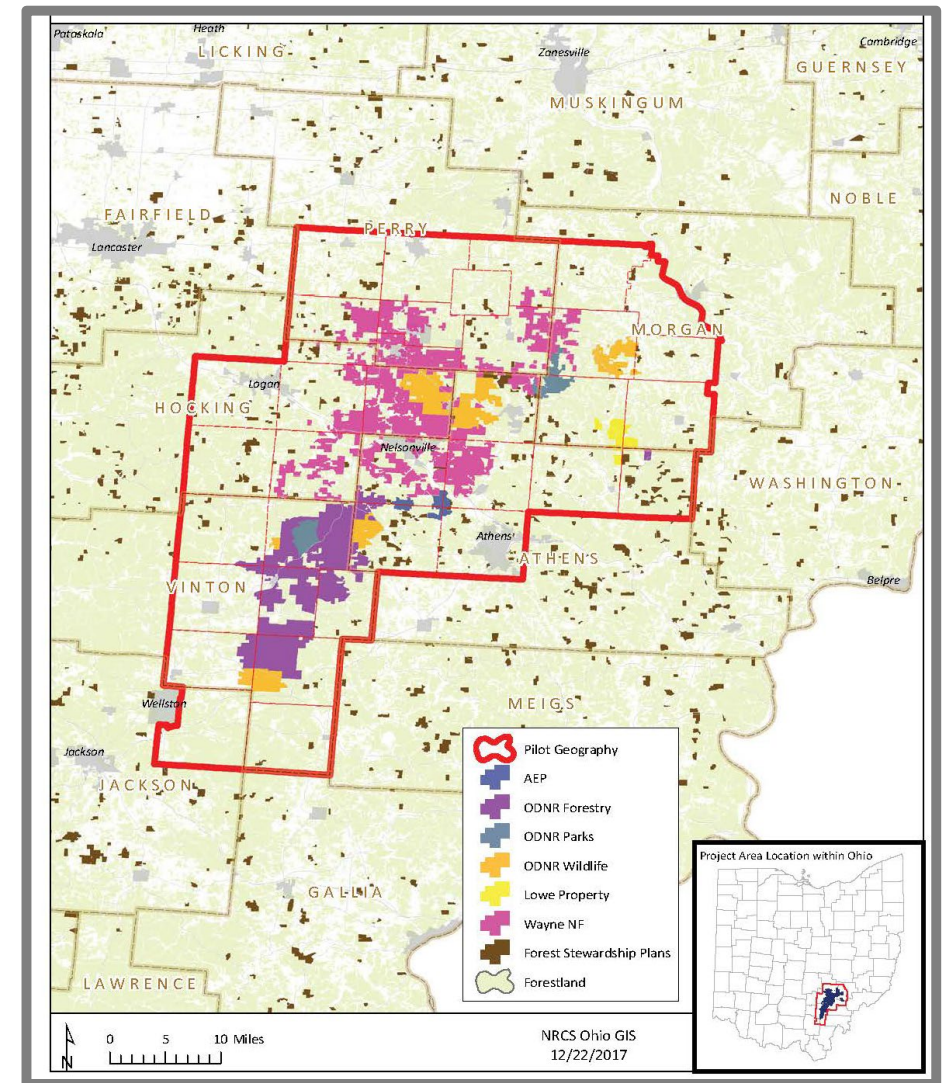


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Shared Stewardship Project

- Cross-boundary treatments
- Focus on oak sustainability
- Consistent messaging
- 250 family forests
- Optimize resources



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Tool for Engaging Landowners Effectively

- Partnership with Sustaining Family Forest Initiative
 - Yale University, USDA Forest Service and Center for Non-profit Strategies
 - Conducted workshop
 - Facilitated strategic planning
- Targeted marketing
- Consistent messaging

Woodland
Retreat



Working the
Land



Supplemental
Income



Uninvolved



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Future of Oak is in Our Hands!



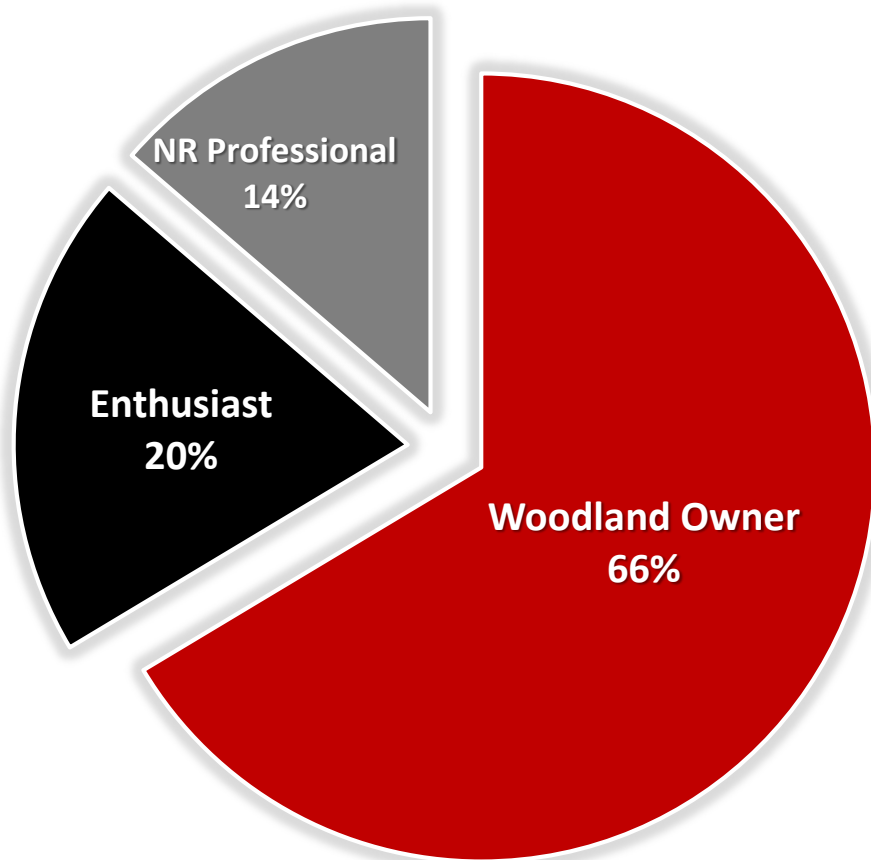
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2018 Audience



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Year	# Programs	Attendees	Acres Owned
2018	8	413	11,902
2017	11	472	16,798
2016	10	458	29,383
2015	8	385	16,858
2014	7	254	17,955
2013	8	264	8,084
2012	8	248	10,222
	60	2,494	111,202

Building Capacity

- Central State University- Forest Outreach Coordinator
- Three additional forester positions in the project area (ODNR/NRCS)
- Leveraged additional positions
 - USFS Northern Research Station
 - OSU School of Environment and Natural Resources
 - ODNR Divisions of Forestry and Wildlife



Some Outcomes to Date...

From 2009 to 2017

- Additional \$9 million in funding over and above base amounts provided mostly from federal sources
- 44,000 acres treated
 - Invasive species
 - Timber stand improvement
 - Tree planting
 - Prescribed fire
- 155 natural resources professionals trained in oak management (SILVAH)



Opportunities to Get Involved:

Appalachia-community-involvement

forestry-research

volunteering

service-learning
field-trips

social-science-research

citizen-science

collaboration outreach

survey-work

internships

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**Give it away every chance you get,
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Don Berwick, Institute of Healthcare Improvement

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