

## New York

**\$16 million**  
Received in Highlands  
grant awards

**24**  
Land conservation  
projects completed

**5,942**  
Acres conserved  
in perpetuity



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## The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Highlands Conservation Act

Distinguished by scenic Appalachian ridges, hills, and plateaus, the Highlands Region spans 3.4 million acres across Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut.

In 2004, the Highlands Conservation Act was signed into law to protect threatened and endangered species, ensure clean drinking water, create outdoor recreational areas and sustain working forests and farms in the Highlands Region. Since then, the unique public and private partnership behind the Highlands Conservation Act Program — consisting of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the four Highlands States, the nonprofit land conservation community and the U.S. Forest Service — has conserved 16,226 acres.

In 2022, Congress reauthorized the Highlands Conservation Act and roughly tripled the size of the Highlands landscape. With state and federal approval, municipalities within the Expanded Opportunity Area may opt in to the Highlands Program.

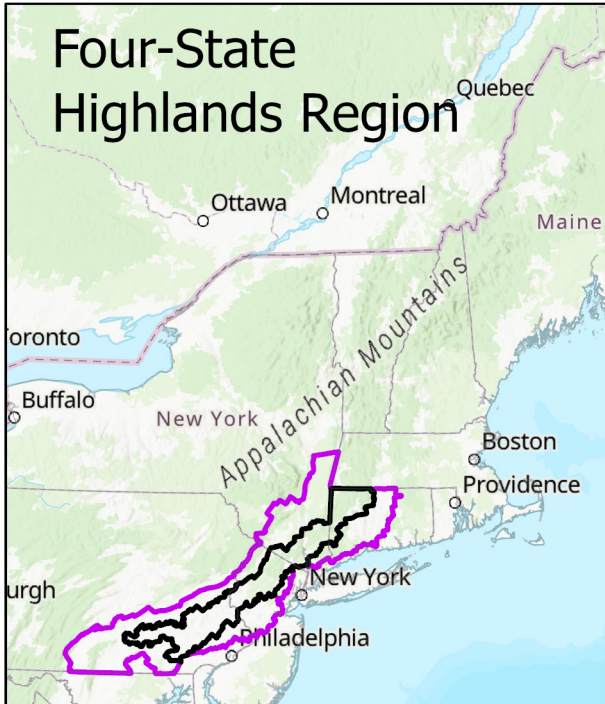


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# Four-State Highlands Region

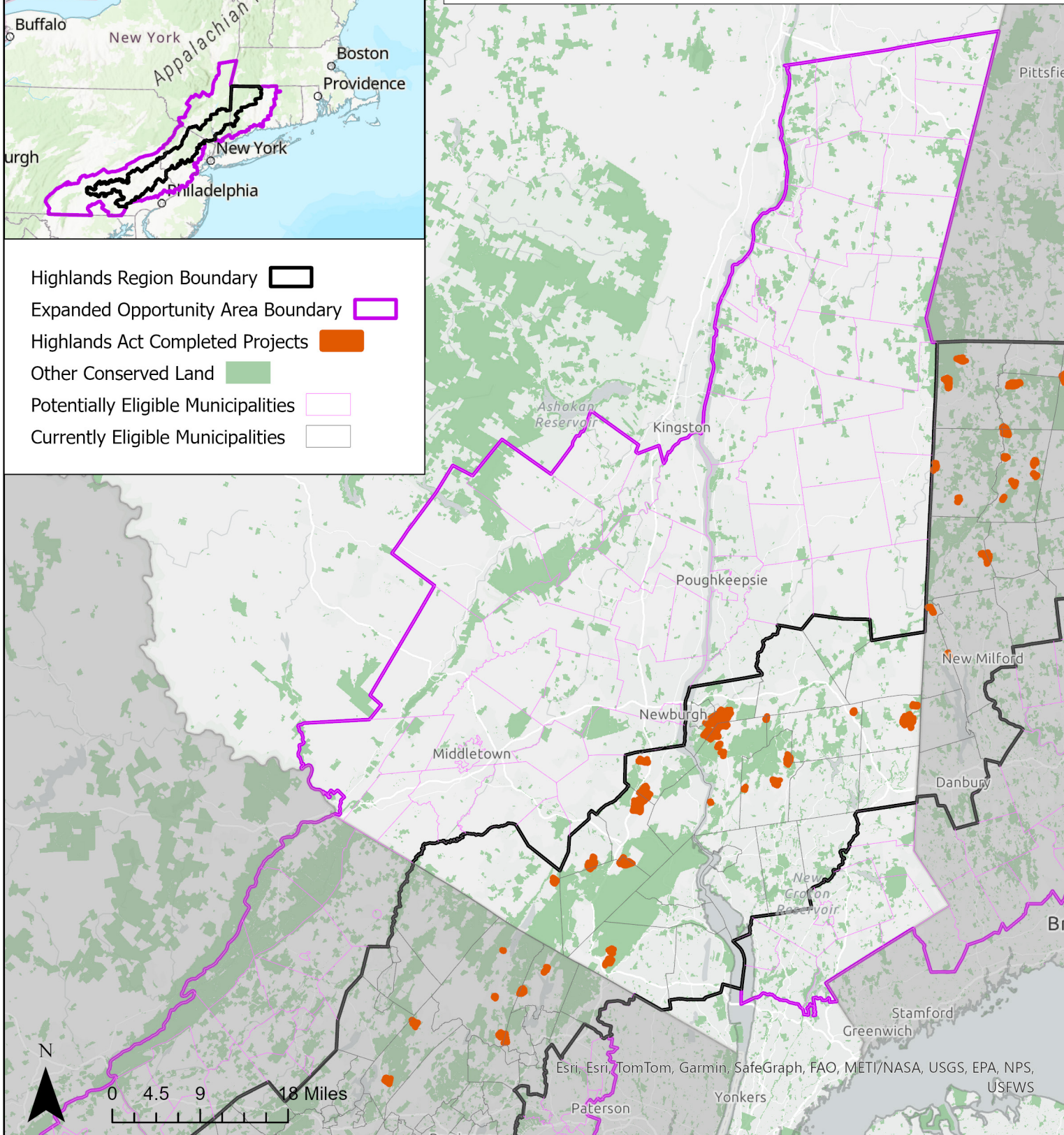


# Highlands Conservation Act in New York



Office of  
**CONSERVATION INVESTMENT**

- Highlands Region Boundary
- Expanded Opportunity Area Boundary
- Highlands Act Completed Projects
- Other Conserved Land
- Potentially Eligible Municipalities
- Currently Eligible Municipalities



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