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Eligible Properties

- Private (95,010 acres)
- State (368,915 acres)

Existing Conservation Properties (owned or managed)

- Federal, State and Local (1,788,600 acres)
- Conserved with Voter-Approved County Bonds since 1974 (208,300 acres)

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Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands

Habitat Protection Priorities:
- Highest Priority Private (28,280 acres)
- Secondary Priority Private (52,665 acres)
- State (337,405 acres)

Associated Lands:
- Wildlife Corridors Private (3660 acres)
- Wildlife Corridors State (22,555 acres)

Community Open Space:
- Private (10,405 acres)
- State (8995 acres)

Total Acres Eligible For Acquisition: 463,925

Land Under Conservation Status (Owned or Managed)

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