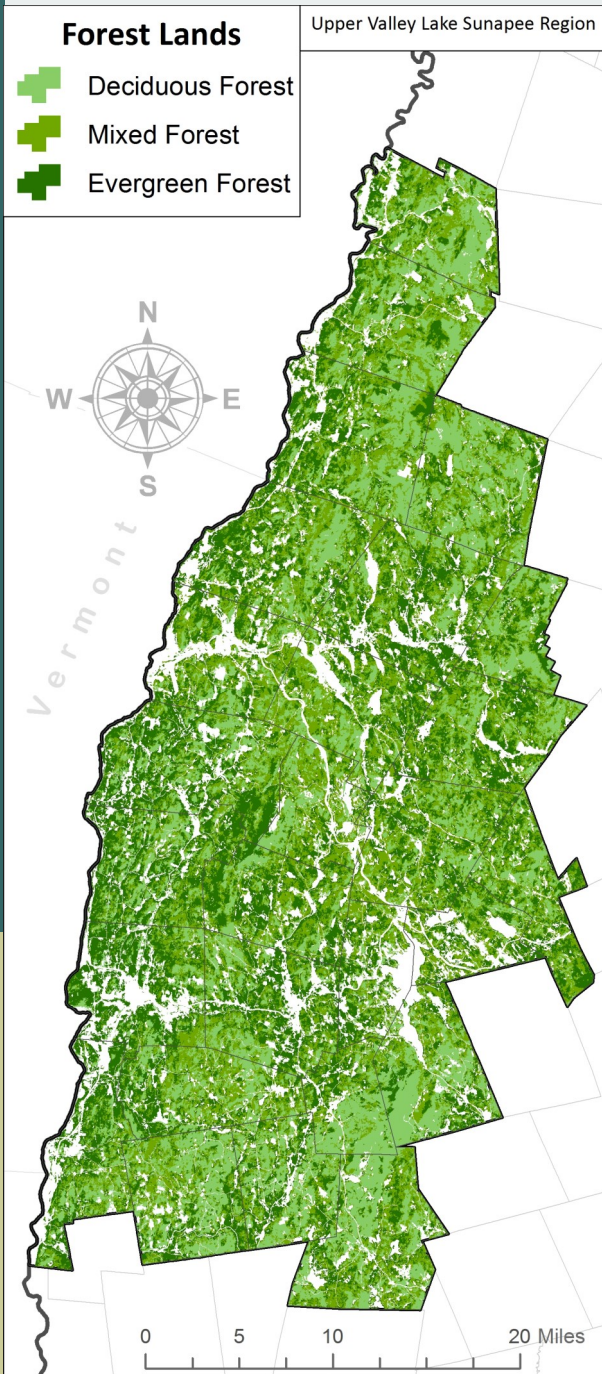
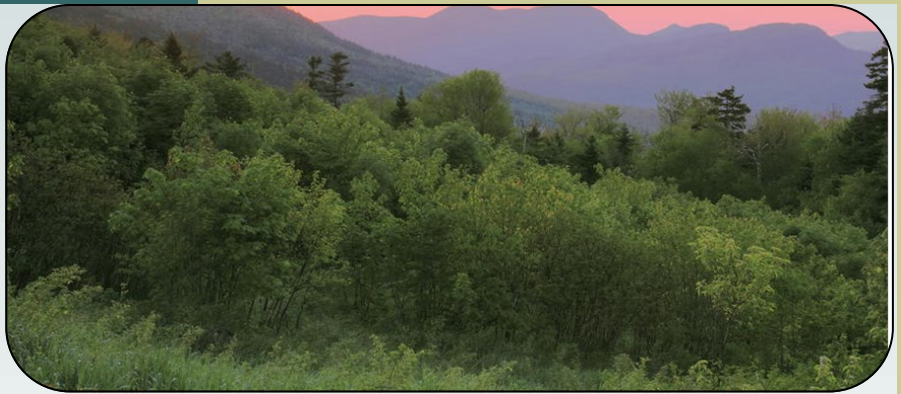




Your Regional Plan

Forest Lands Environment



Metric:

Of a total of 663,768 land acres covered by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee region, 560,242 acres are forest representing:

82%

Geography:

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission region

Summary:

The statewide procedure for finding this metric uses data from the NH Wildlife Action Plan, but it yields wildly inaccurate data. The Wildlife Action Plan was not intended to be used to find land cover, and yields a 31% land cover with trees.

Instead, we used the National Land Cover Data Set. This data is slightly older (2006), but far more precise and accurate. To find the forest cover area in the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee region, we took the intersection of forest (deciduous, mixed, and evergreen) with the town boundaries in our region. This yielded the map on the left.

Data Sources:

National Land Cover Data Set, MRLC '06

GRANIT New Hampshire Political Boundaries

