

Turkeys & Forests

Why Does NWTf Care About Forestry?



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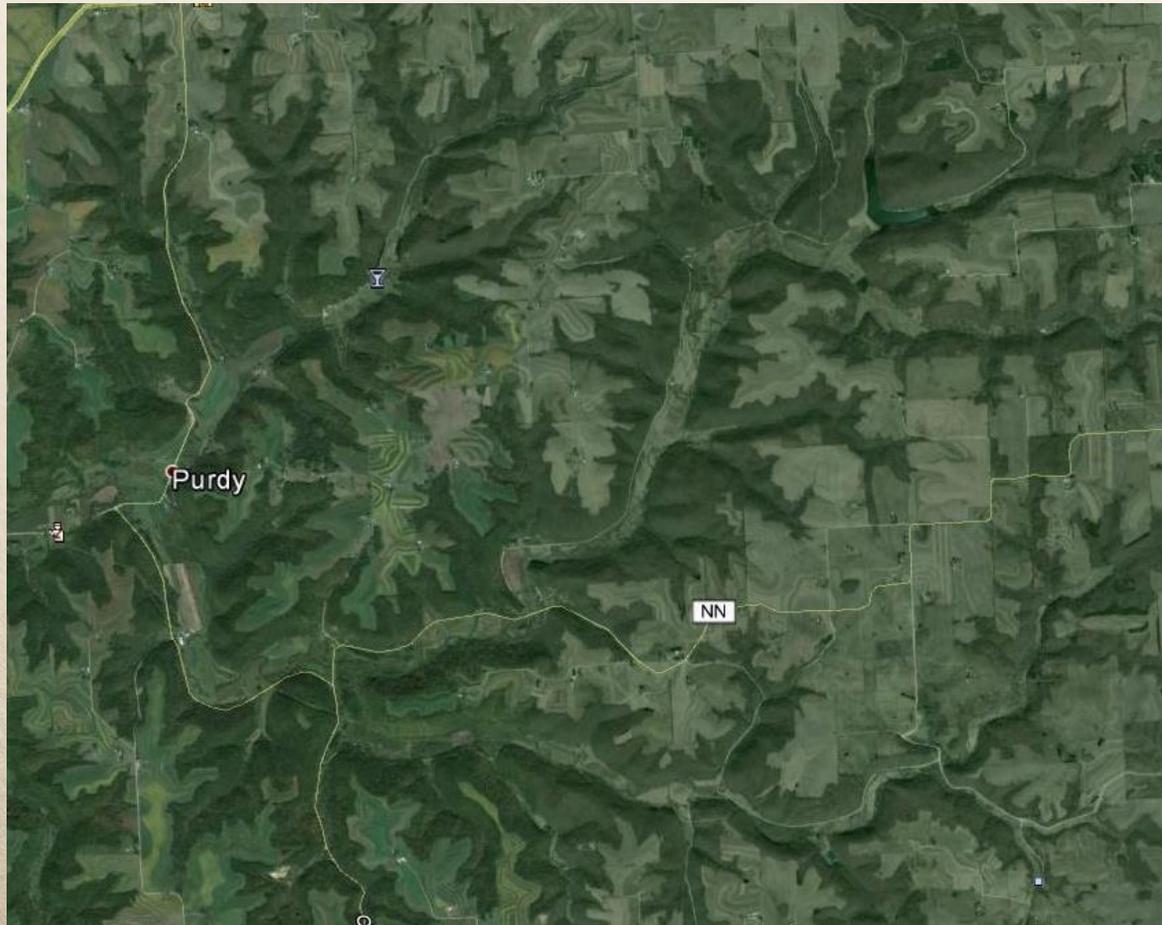
Forestry Creates Habitat



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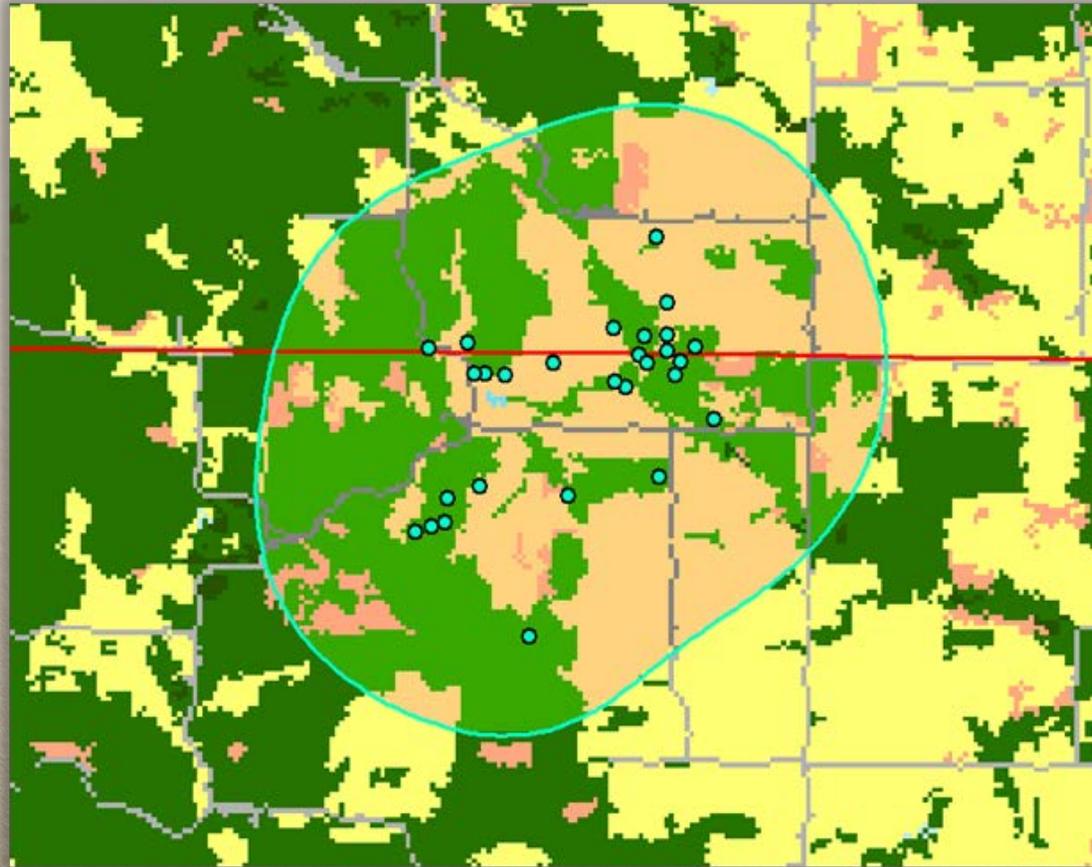
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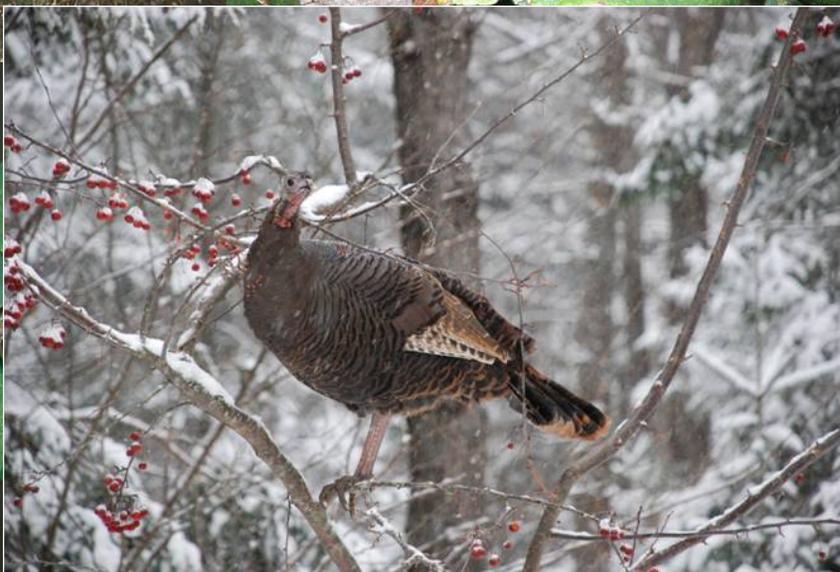
Roosting



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Feeding



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Nesting and Brood-Rearing



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Winter Cover



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Wisconsin Forestry Issues

- Succession of oak to later forest types
- Hastened by improper management
- Private lands and small parcels
- Invasive species
- Deer populations
- Lack of fire
- Openings up north



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What is Working?

- Awareness of the loss of oak forest types is increasing
- Good regional public acceptance of forestry
- Outreach to private landowners ↑
- Hardwood markets are stable
- Tax and cost-share incentives
- Multiple partnership opportunities



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Suggested Improvements

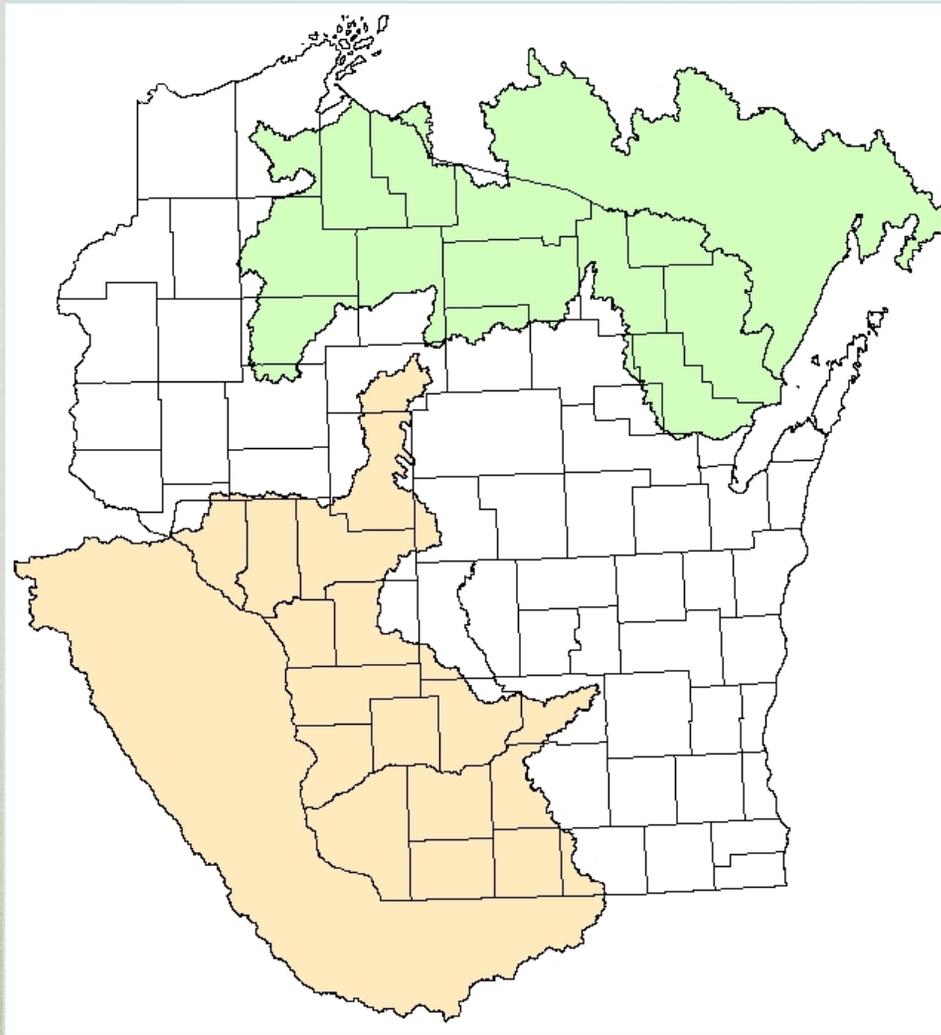
- Increase outreach to private landowners with effective messaging inciting action
- Increase planning and investments in intermediate treatments in oak systems
 - TSI
 - Crop tree release
 - Deer protection
 - Invasives treatments
 - Prescribed burning



Suggested Improvements

- Harvest with the explicit vision to create young forests
- Protect other mast species during harvest operations
- Maintain wildlife openings in heavily forested landscapes
- Plant trees in un-forested landscapes
- Manage for soft edges
- Maintain a healthy timber industry





Wisconsin Focal Landscapes



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Examples of NWTf Efforts

- Super Fund grants for forest management activities
 - Invasives work
 - TSI
 - Release
 - Deer protection
 - Openings improvements
- Partner on Turkey Stamp Grants



Super Fund Process

- NWTf releases an application form in winter through WCFA
- Asks that agencies work with Chapters
- Due by end of February. Decision in March
- Funds available immediately, and should be used within a year.



Super Fund Process

- No significant reporting process
- Prefer projects to programs.
- Will fund equipment at 50%
- Preference with significant match (like Turkey Stamp)



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