



Case Study: Rensselaer Plateau

Vision, Trust, and Hard Work: How a Small Group of Volunteers Doubled
Conserved Land on the Rensselaer Plateau

Nature Across Boundaries – Sunday April 8, 2018 Monhonk Mountain House

Rensselaer Plateau Alliance

Conservation Through Community



The Rensselaer Plateau is 450 million years old



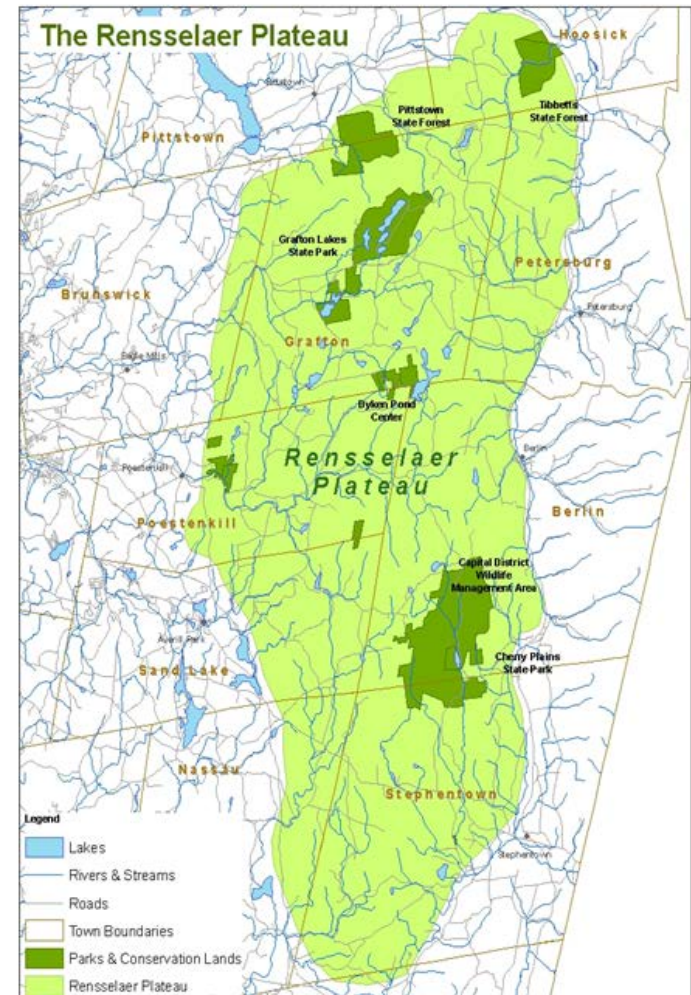
2008 - State of Plateau

1995 - NYS Open Space Plan

1998 - An Important Bird Area

2002 - A regional priority in TNC Lower New England Eco-Region

But no one really paying attention



The Secret to RPA's Success

Leadership

Connecting with experts/mentors

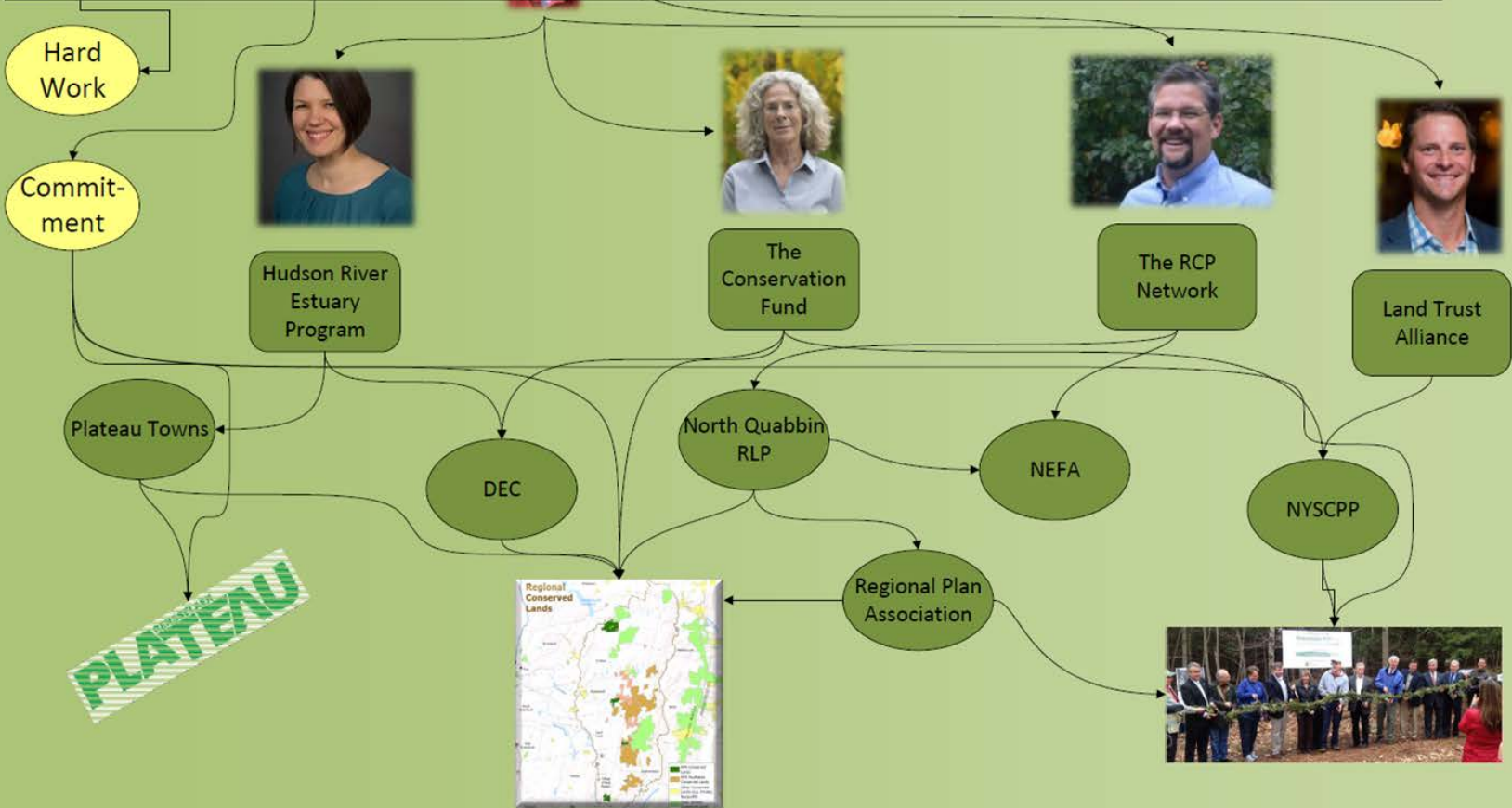
- Listen to them, take their advice
- Do it

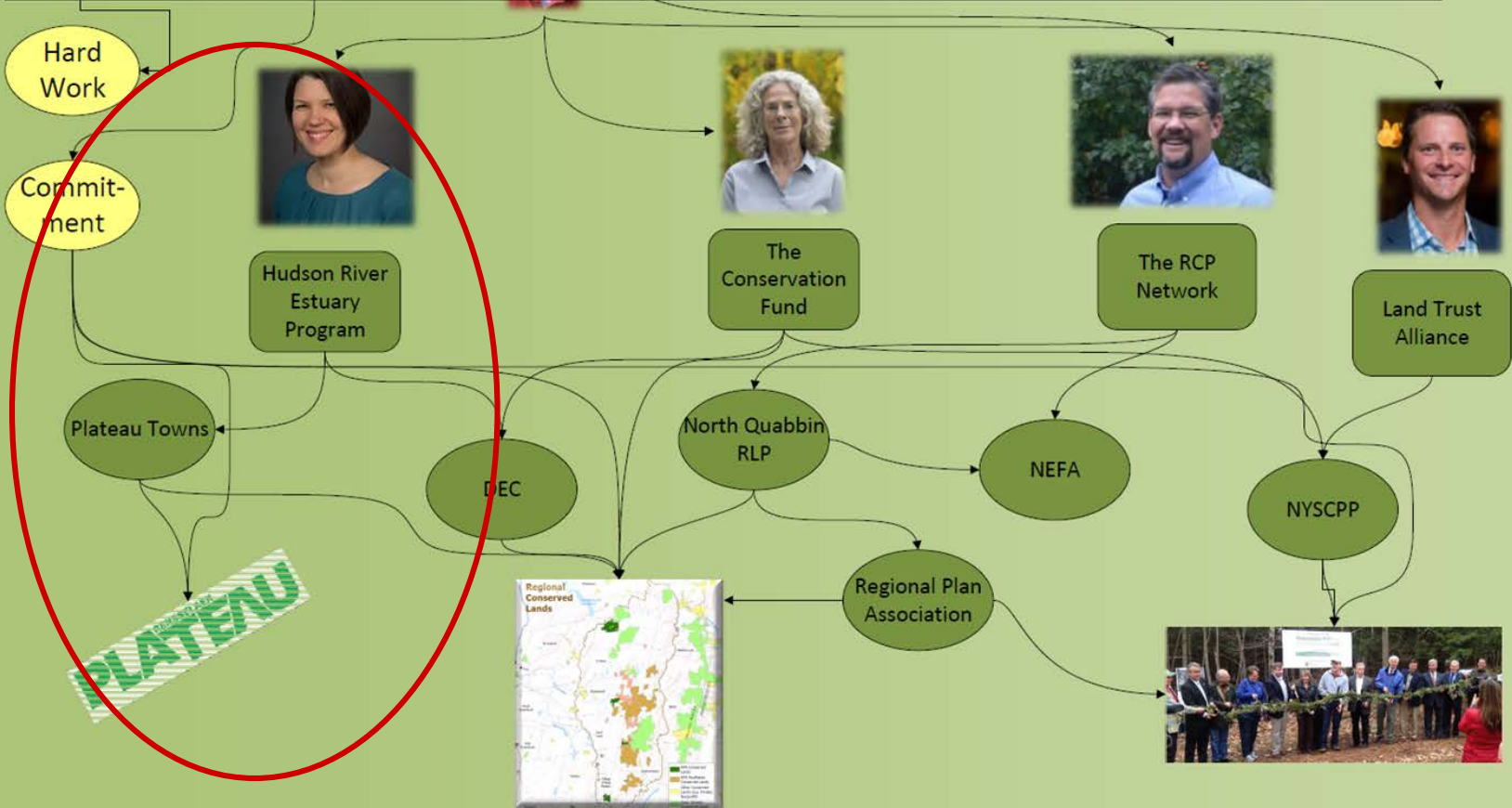


Great Volunteer Board

- Hard working
- Committed
- More recently great staff



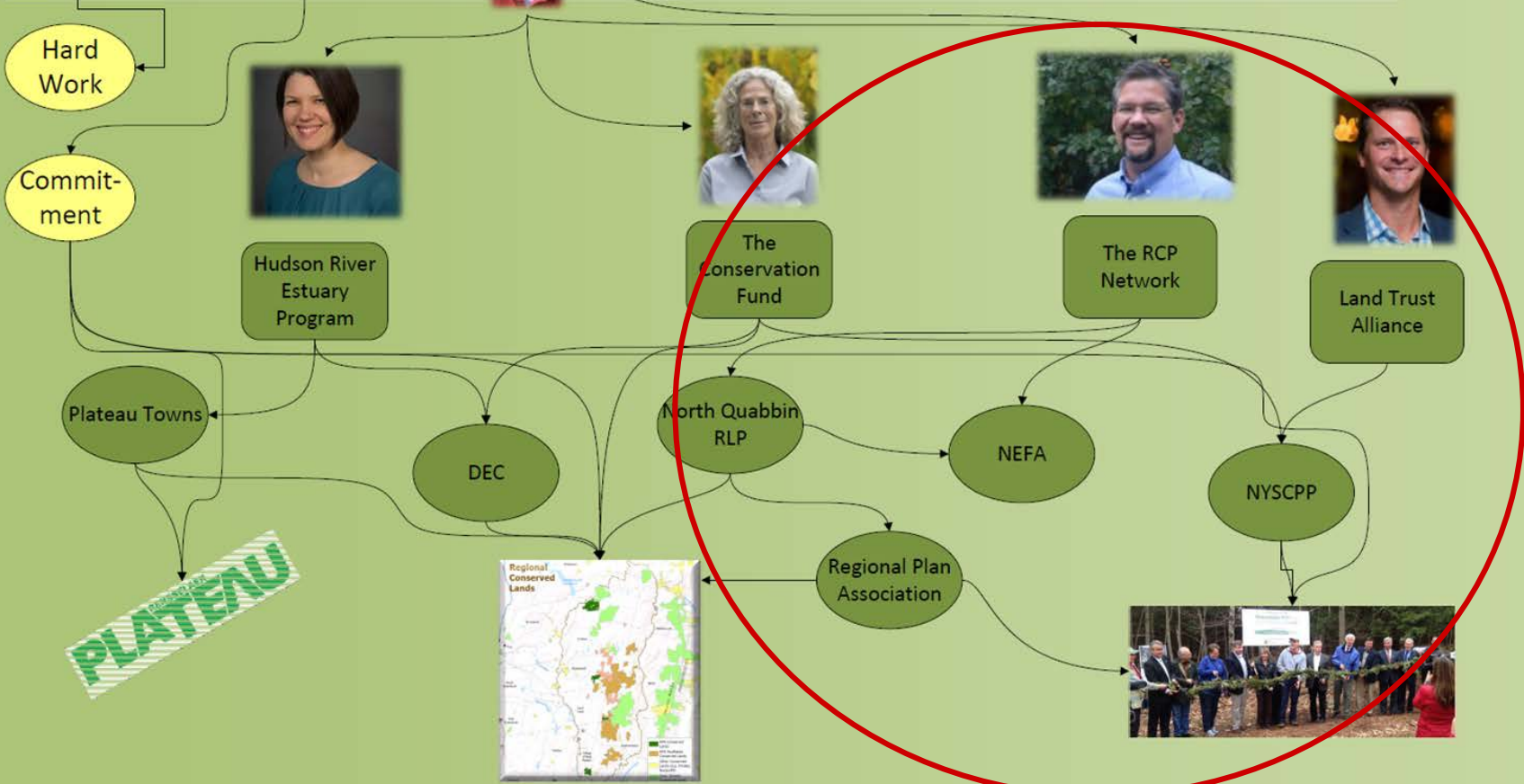




A Branding Project

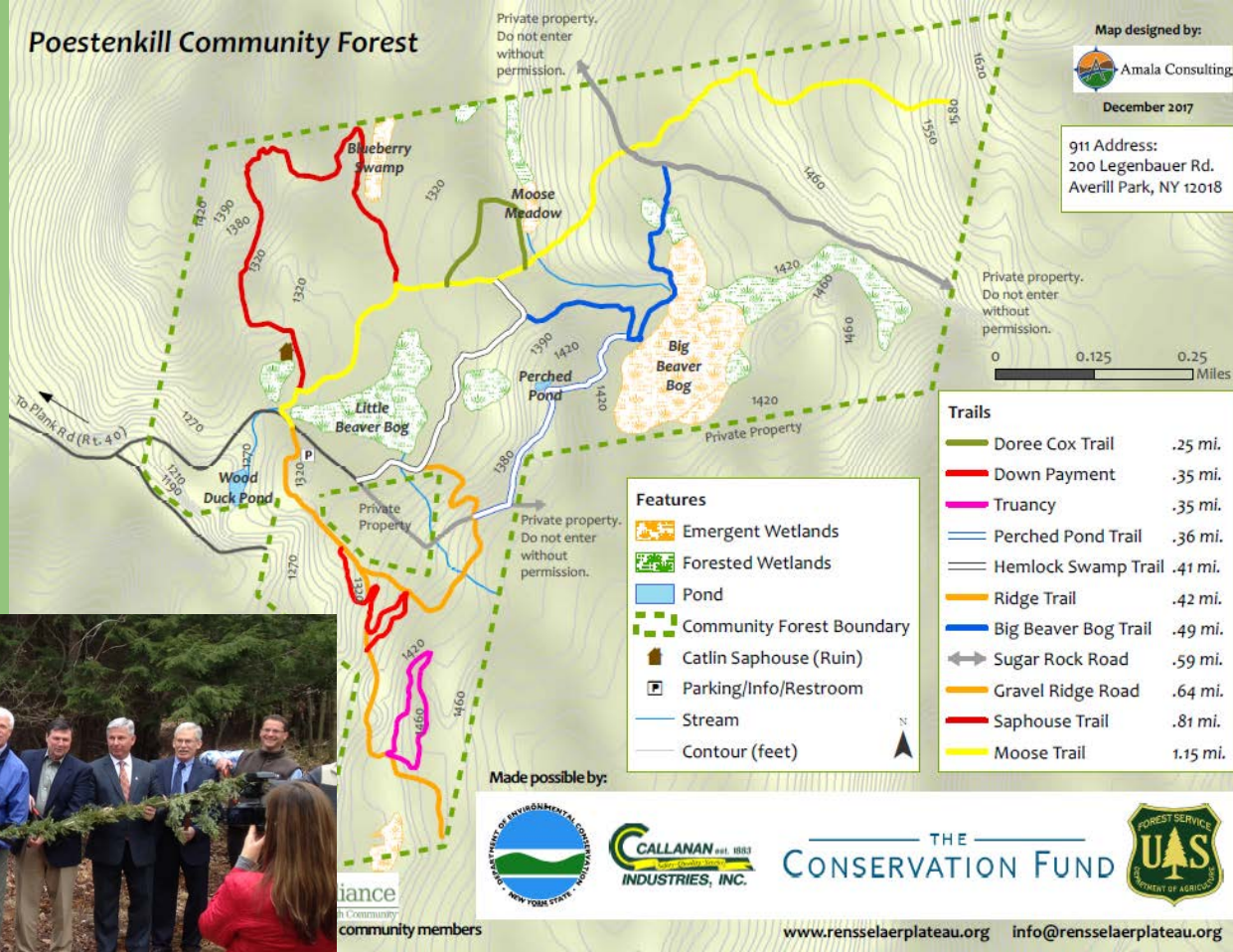


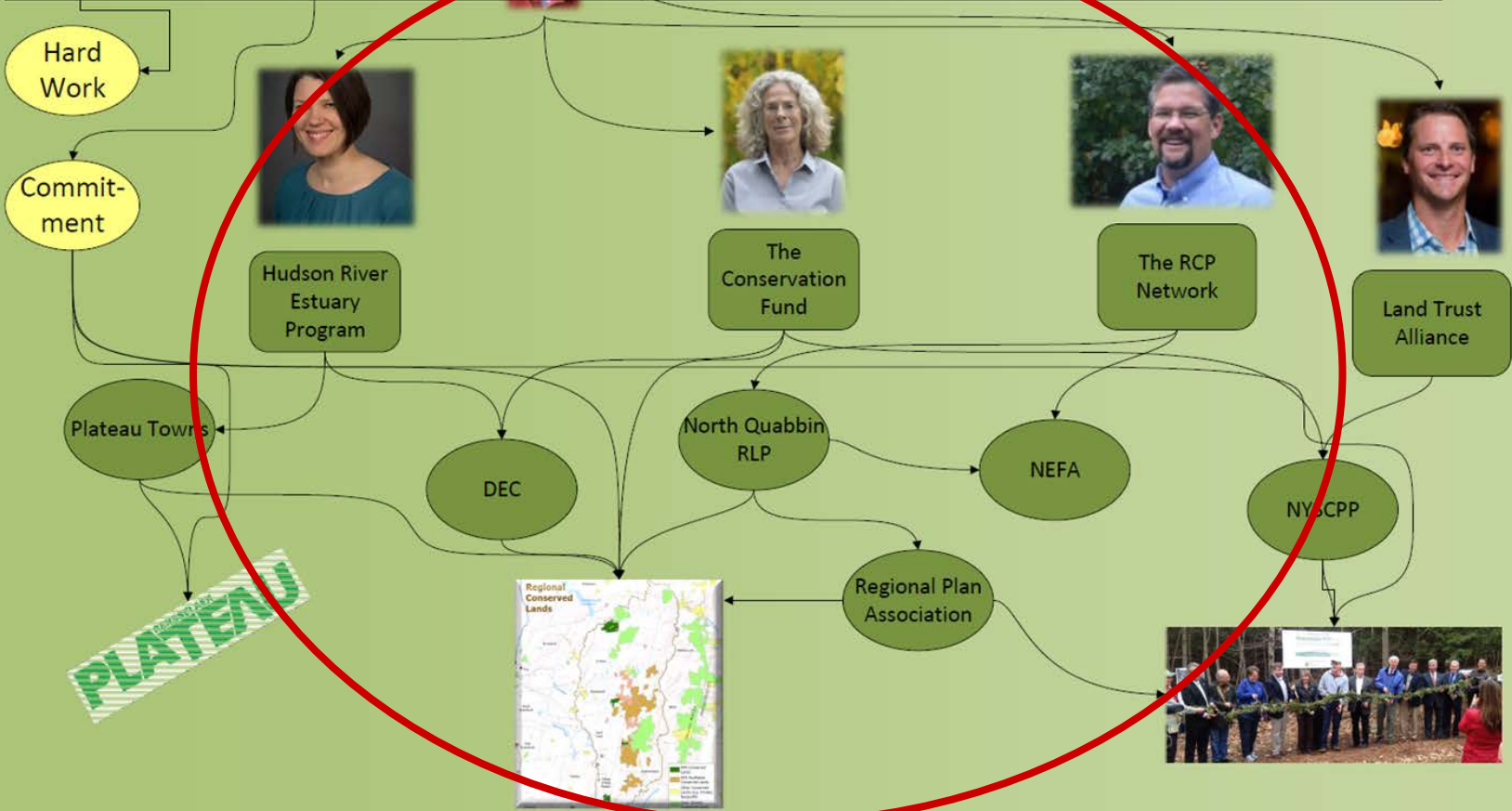
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A Community Forest

Poestenkill Community Forest

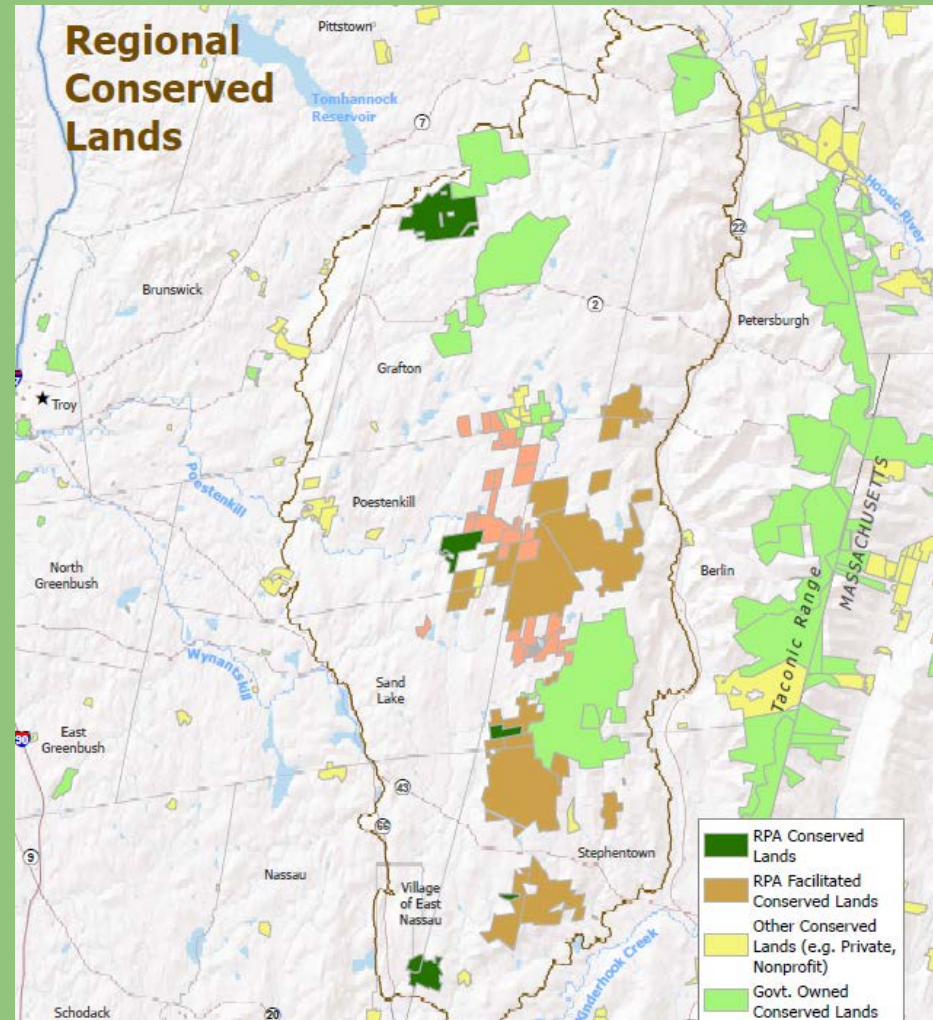




11,716 acres conserved

2,566 acres funded and
in the queue

And counting...



2018 - State of Plateau

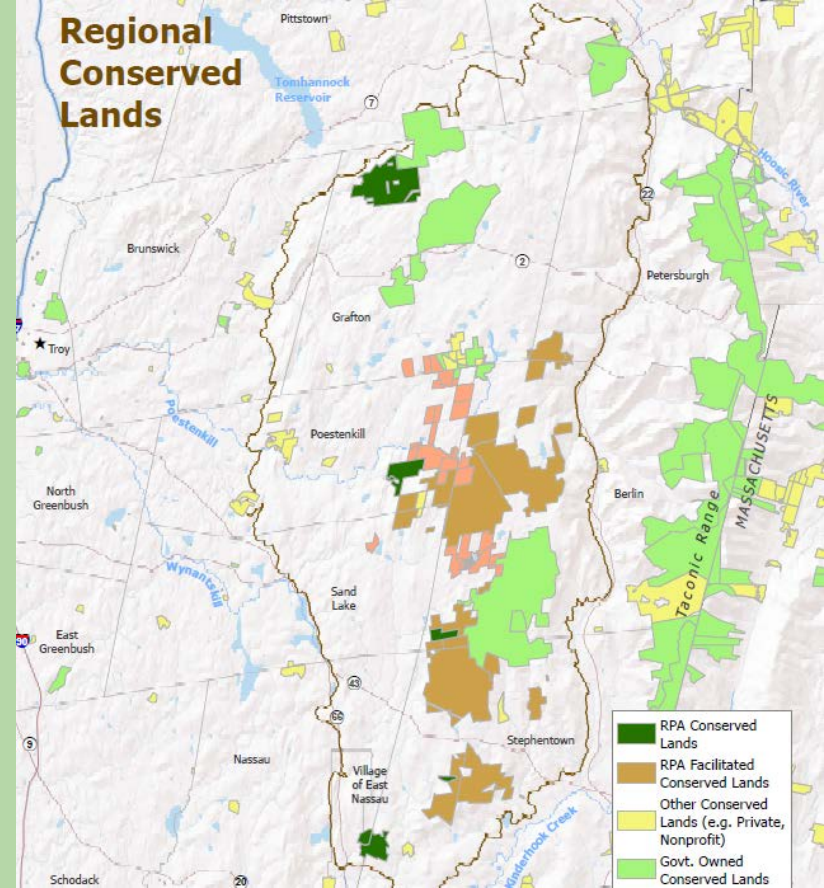
Towns on board and participating

Landowners and Community engaged

2 Community Forests (350 acres & 353)

A Regional Conservation Plan

Lots of people paying attention





Questions?

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