Only parcels that meet the criteria of protected open space as defined by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (LPA) and other state and federal laws are included. Open space includes land areas that are not developed or congested and that are suitable for multiple uses, such as recreation, wildlife habitat, and landscape and visual amenities. Open space may include: Federal property, such as Army Corps of Engineers land; State forest; State parks; Army National Guard training facilities; State Fish Hatchery; School Forest; and State Open Space Land Trust.

DATA SOURCES

Open space is included in the data set as described in the following references:

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State Parks and Forests: A network of state-owned parks and forests throughout the state, which are managed by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for public use and recreation.

School Forests: Publicly owned lands owned by school districts, which are managed for educational purposes and public use.

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Federally owned land. Examples include Army Corps of Engineers

property such as Fish Hatchery or National Forests.

DATA SOURCES

Open Water

Open water includes bodies of open water, such as lakes, rivers, streams, and

rivers, including non-potable open water.

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