



FORESTRY FUTURES TRUST ONTARIO

2010/11 Annual Report

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CHAIR'S MESSAGE



It is a privilege to share with you an overview of the initiatives funded through Forestry Futures Trust (FFT) that enhance the forest management of Crown Forests in Ontario.

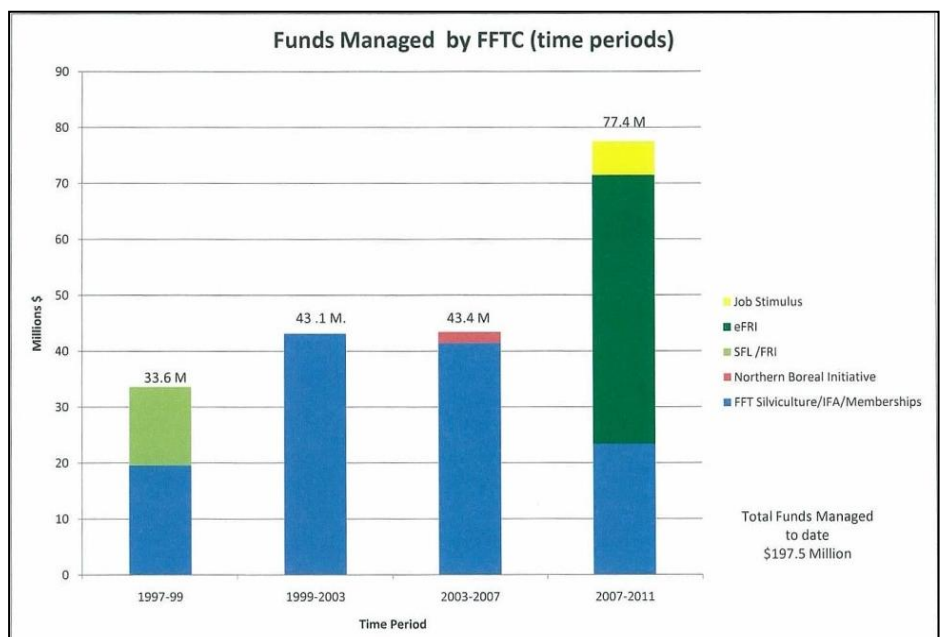
The core Forestry Futures Trust funding mechanism remains based on a fixed charge (\$0.48/cu m) levied on harvest volumes. With harvest continuing to be well below the 10-year average harvest volumes, core FFT programs continue to rebuild in parallel with the reemergence of a vibrant forest industry in Ontario.

As shown in the graph below, the Forestry Futures Trust Fund since its establishment has managed funds for a variety of programs. The primary funding has been for forest renewal projects that rehabilitate areas after natural disturbances (e.g. fires and windstorms) and for forest stand improvement, Independent Forest Audits and for the Provincial Enhanced Forest Resource Inventory program. The FFT silviculture spring round (R30) funded nine projects for a total of \$1.96M. The FFT silviculture fall round (R31) funded seven projects for a total of \$1.53M. FFT funding provides support for multiyear projects.

One of the key highlights of 2010/11 was the success of the Round 29 Job Stimulus projects funded by the provincial

government through a special employment generating program. The Trust funded 22 projects that created 3,155 person weeks of employment, and the growth and planting of 12.7 million tree seedlings on 14,080 hectares (ha) of areas depleted by wind or fire and on other eligible productive lands. On behalf of the Committee (FFTC), I thank the provincial government for the directed funding and I congratulate the industry on both the excellent quality of the applications received and the effective implementation of seedling production and planting operations. The site inspections of these projects have shown good survival. The complete Round 29 Summary Report can be found on our website (www.forestryfutures.ca).

The Committee continues to be involved in the Independent Forest Audit (IFA) process. IFAs are required by a Regulation of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA). Their purpose is to confirm that our forests are managed sustainably. The 2010 IFA program consisted of eleven independent forest audits by four consulting firms. Overall audit findings confirmed that Ontario's forests are well managed with evidence of continuous improvement despite challenging economic times. Shortfalls found during audits lead to two conditional passes and one recommendation to not extend the license. Action plans to address the shortfalls are well under way.



The accomplishments of the Enhanced Forest Resource Inventory program in 2010/2011 led by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and a suite of private sector consulting firms were commendable: digital imagery was captured for approximately 82,688 sq km; eFRI production was completed for the Marathon Block as well as for the Lakehead, Hearst, Crossroute, White River and Ogoki Forests.

The Community-based Land Use Planning component of the Far North Forestry Development Initiative Program continues to wind down with projects still underway in the First Nation communities of Cat Lake, Constance Lake, Moose Cree, and Slate Falls.

This was the fourth year for the Committee's involvement in the Sustainable Forest License (SFL) conversion program. This program assisted in the conversion of single company SFLs to shareholder or cooperative SFLs where the License is held by a group of companies (and perhaps communities) who willingly share the wood allocation on an SFL area. The parties involved in the successful development of the new cooperative SFL arrangements are commended for meeting the challenges they encountered.

This year the Committee met for a total of 14 meetings (in-person approximately once per month, with additional conference calls) to design fair funding allocation models, review applications, allocate funding to approved projects, carry out field inspections of representative activities and participate in the IFA. Meetings were held in Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay, Huntsville, Cochrane, and Timmins. Field visits occurred throughout the province. We welcomed a new committee member, Erik Wang, at year end.

I would like to thank committee members Bob Elliott, Michael Barker and Ric Monzon for their dedicated and active participation in committee business. The support of the management team lead by Mona Wiltshire with contract administrative support, the forest audit and Far North consulting support of Ken VanEvery and Sarah Bros is greatly appreciated. It remains a

privilege to Chair the Forestry Futures Trust Committee and to oversee the implementation of the wide variety of programs that contribute positively to enhancing forestry in this province. In closing, it is my pleasure to present you with the 2010/11 Annual Report of the Forestry Futures Trust.

H Maureen Kershaw

WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

Forestry Futures Trust

The Forestry Futures Trust was established under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act* (1994), Part V. Section 51 of this Act states that the Minister may appoint a Forestry Futures Trust Committee to provide advice on for the following matters such the terms and conditions of the management of the following:

1. *The funding of silvicultural expenses in Crown forests where forest resources have been killed or damaged by fire or natural causes.*
2. *The funding of silvicultural expenses on land that is subject to a forest resource licence, if the licensee becomes insolvent.*
3. *The funding of intensive stand management and pest control in respect of forest resources in Crown forests.*
4. *Such other purposes as may be specified by the Minister.*

Source: Crown Forest Sustainability Act, Part V, Section 51(3)

Other purposes specified by the Minister for which Trust funds are used include:

- Independent Forest Audit Program
- Enhanced Forest Productivity Science Program
- Far North Forestry Development Initiative
- Enhanced Forest Resource Inventory
- The development of Cooperative or Shareholder Sustainable Forest Licenses

The Trust fund is managed by the Trustee, RBC Dexia Investor Services Trust and funds are allocated to successful applicants under the direction of the Forestry Futures Trust Committee.

The Committee members are appointed by the Minister for a three-year term, which may be renewed at the discretion of the Minister. The Trust is funded by harvest volume charges on Crown timber that are paid by Sustainable Forest Licensees.

Forestry Futures Trust Committee

CHAIR

Maureen Kershaw, R.P.F., (member since inception 1995) manages her own consulting firm which she established in 1989 following a career with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. She is a forester and ecologist and has taught at Nipissing and Laurentian Universities. An active outdoor enthusiast, she volunteers her spare time with Cross Country (Ski) Ontario and Cross Country (Ski) Canada.

MEMBERS

Mike Barker, (member since 1999) had a 32-year career with the Ontario government holding positions such as District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources, and Assistant Deputy Minister, Northern Development and Mines. He now runs his own consulting firm.

Bob Elliott, R.P.F., (member since 2006) has had a varied career with the government of Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources, MacMillan Bloedel and Weyerhaeuser. He now owns a consulting business.

Ric Monzon, R.P.F., (member since 2006) has held several positions in the Ontario government including that of Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry Natural Resources. He also served as Executive Director and Registrar for the Ontario Professional Foresters Association (OPFA).

Erik Wang, R.P.F. (retired BC) (member since 2011) holds Bachelor and Masters degrees from Lakehead University and UNB. His 30 year career in forestry has included positions with industry, university and consulting sectors primarily in NB

and BC with technical expertise primarily in the areas of resource planning and timber supply forecasting.



Our Support Team

Assisting the FFT Committee is a small team reporting to the Chair:

- Mona Wiltshire, R.P.F., General Manager
- Ken VanEvery, R.P.F., Independent Forest Audit and Far North Program and Enhance Forest Productivity Science Program Coordinator
- Sarah Bros, R.P.F., Independent Forest Audit Analyst
- Anastasia Frisby, Administration Assistant
- Claire Riddell, Financial Information

FFT Secretariat – The Ministry of Natural Resources

Since its inception in 1995 the FFTC has enjoyed a productive working relationship with Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) staff. As the Committee's mandate expanded over the decade, the lines of communication and the number of Ministry contacts correspondingly increased. In this regard, the Ministry Secretariat functions are provided by Thom McDonough (silviculture) and Diane Black (financial). The FFT Secretariat continues to fulfil its role while

honouring the principle of committee independence on all matters related to funding allocations for projects. Other MNR staff with whom the Committee confers include the following:

- IFA Program – Spooner Collins, R.P.F., Troy Anthony R.P.F. and Bill Morrison
- FNFD Program – Louis Corbeil for the Northeast
- eFRI Program – Frank Kennedy, R.P.F., Joe Kapron, R.P.F. and Murray Radford.

Thanks to Bill Thornton, Assistant Deputy Minister, MNDFM; Rich Greenwood, Director (outgoing), and Chris Walsh Director (acting) Forest Branch; and Mark Speers, Director, Industry Relations Branch for their continued support.

OUR PROGRAMS

Silviculture Program

Silviculture needs resulting from forces of natural depletion such as fire, wind, insects, disease and flooding

ELIGIBLE PROGRAM APPLICANTS

Silviculture project applications can be submitted by Sustainable Forest Licence (SFL) holders and MNR managers of Crown Management Units who have a forest management unit account or sub-account in good standing in the Forest Renewal Trust. In the case of the forest pest management projects, the Ministry of Natural Resources may also apply. The Committee cannot consider project applications submitted by a licensee, where the Minister advises the Chair that the licensee is delinquent in paying Crown charges related to the licensing or harvesting of Crown timber.

Special Round 29 Summary

FFT Silviculture Round 29 – Job Stimulus was announced in the 2009/10 Annual Report but the

outcomes of this special Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and Forestry (MNDFM) one-year round were not available until the last project closed (December 2010). The six million dollar funding resulted in the following accomplishments:

- 12.7 million seedlings grown
- 14,080 hectares planted
- 3,155 employment weeks

The response to the special funding was great. The Committee wishes to thank MNDFM for the opportunity to be involved with this special job stimulus initiative and all of the people involved in delivering this program. The ability of the applicants and service providers to respond quickly helped make this endeavour a huge success.

Please see our website (www.forestryfutures.ca) for a comprehensive FFT Silviculture Round 29 Summary Report.



752-2-R29 Black Sturgeon Intensification Job Stimulus Project

The Committee extended two invitations to apply for Forestry Futures Trust Silviculture program funding during 2010/11-fiscal year: Round 30 and Round 31. A third invitation, Round 32, was issued in March 2011; funding decisions were made April 11, 2011 and will be highlighted in the next annual report. Results of the two Rounds are summarized below:

Round 30

There were 13 applications for funding for Silviculture Round 30: 4 from the Northwest Region, 4 from the Northeast Region and 5 from the Southern Region. Of the 13 applications, 9 received full or partial funding. Four of the applications received did not meet the criteria.



Project #767-2-R30 Blowdown Renewal #4, Gordon Cosens Forest

A table summary of Round 30 results by region and category can be found below.

Region	\$ Requested	\$ Funded	% Funded
NE	940,493	818,093	87
NW	232,663	122,922	53
S	1,095,020	1,017,600	93
Total	2,268,176	1,958,615	86



Project 774-1-R30: Dog River Matawin Forest

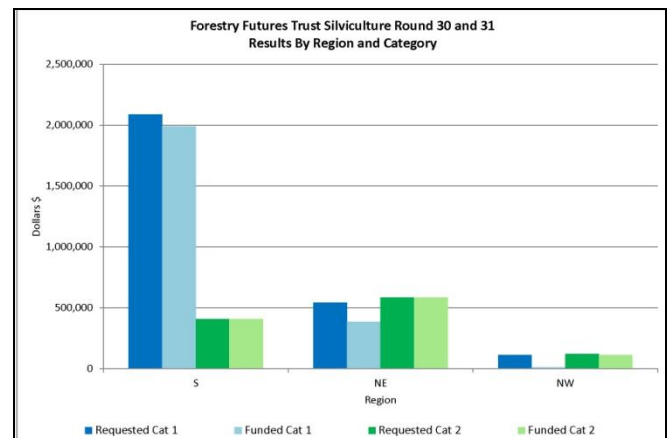
Round 31

There were 8 applications for funding for Silviculture Round 31: no applications were received from the Northwest which may reflect high funding in Round 29, 3 from the Northeast Region and 5 from the Southern Region. One decision regarding an application was suspended until certain conditions regarding an existing FFT project were met. Once these conditions were met, projects were approved.

A summary of funding by region and by category can be found below.

Region	\$ Requested	\$ Funded	% Funded
NE	369,378	151,212	41
NW	0	0	0
S	1,398,650	1,380,050	99
Total	1,768,028	1,531,262	87

Results of FFT Silviculture Round 30 and 31 and the distribution of funding requested and funding allocated by category (Cat 1- stand improvement and Cat 2 – stand remediation) are shown on the graph below.



A list of projects funded this fiscal year can be obtained under the silviculture section of our website.

SIGNAGE

During the spring of 2010, a total of 9 signs were produced. Of these, 2 signs were erected in the Northwest region, 6 in the Northeast region, and 1 was delivered to the Southern region. Signs are erected for complete projects in areas of high public visibility.



FFT Project Reviews

Date: August 26, 2010

Location: Huntsville

Purpose: To visit some southern Forestry Futures Trust funded projects.

Participants: Maureen Kershaw, Mike Barker, Bob Elliott, Sarah Bros, Ken VanEvery, Mona Wiltshire, Barry Davidson (Westwind Forest Stewardship Inc.)

Description: Various FFT projects were visited.

Site Visits: This field trip highlighted the challenges of practicing forestry in populated areas that experience high public use. Some projects were bordered by private property and a light foot-print had to be used. The Committee was encouraged by the effective use of funds that were directed towards stand improvement.



Project 267-1-R7- Barry Davidson of Westwind Forest Stewardship Inc., speaking to the FFTC participants at beginning of field trip in Bracebridge Management Center forest.



Project 691-1-R26 Stand Improvement in tolerant hardwoods selection stands for the production of future sawlogs.

Date: August 30th, 2010

Location: Red Lake Forest, southeast of Red Lake, Ontario

Purpose: IFA field visit to view results of a Forestry Futures Trust funded remediation project on wind damaged, low volume salvage harvest and subsequent planting.

Participants: Domtar representatives, MNR district, regional and head office representatives, FFTC contract staff (Sarah Bros), KBM audit team and Red Lake LCC Chair

Description: The Parker Lake Blowdown Project consists of two areas resulting from the 2002 and 2004 windstorms. This project mechanically site prepared 290 ha and planted with 464,000 black

spruce, white spruce and jack pine seedlings, followed by herbicide release. This project will contribute to the local wood supply and provided employment for silvicultural workers.

Site Visit: Participants viewed the results of a successful FFT project – salvage, planting and tending operations.

Date: September 7th, 2010

Location: Ogoki Forest, north of Nakina

Purpose: To view progress of remediation treatments funded through the FFT on the Nipigon 20 fire that took place in 2005 resulting in the loss of plantations.

Participants: Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) district, regional and head office representatives, Green Forest Management Inc., Arbex (IFA auditors) and Forestry Futures Trust Committee contract staff (Sarah Bros) attended the field day as part of the Independent Forest Audit (IFA) for the Ogoki Forest.



Description: Approximately 495 hectares were planted to jack pine after the Nip 20 wildfire destroyed regenerating plantations. This retreatment will contribute to future wood supply demands on the Ogoki Forest.

Site Visit: As part of the IFA site visits, the site of the fire was visited 5 years post burn. The picture above shows some of the seedlings on the regenerated site. This project will result in a healthy productive forest replacing the fire damaged plantation.

Date: September 13th, 2010

Location: Kenogami Forest, Longlac, ON

Purpose: – As part of the Independent Forest Audit (IFA) field assessment, viewed the results of the salvage harvest and remediation project over two years between 2001-2003.

Participants: Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) district, Green Forest Management Inc., Terrace Bay Pulp, Arbex (IFA auditors) and Forestry Futures Trust Committee contract staff (Sarah Bros).

Description: This project was funded through Forestry Futures Trust. Approximately 569 hectares were site prepared and planted to jack pine, black spruce, and white spruce in areas affected by spruce budworm. Over 850,000 trees were established in the project area. This



plantation will contribute to future wood supply demands on the Kenogami Forest. The project employed local silvicultural and nursery production employees from Longlac, Geraldton, Nakina, Terrace Bay, Schreiber and local First Nations and will return a productive site to commercial conifer production.

Site Visit: The above picture illustrates the regenerating site. A healthy productive forest will result from this project.

Date: September 14 2010

Location: Cochrane Moose River Forest (Abitibi River Forest) 727-2-R29

Purpose: Round 29 2010 field audit

Participants: Ken VanEvery, Mona Wiltshire

Description: Intent of this project was to renew a poplar decline area along Hwy 11 by shear blading and planting. Poplar/mixedwood stands (75 hectares) that experienced repeated forest tent caterpillar infestations resulted in stands that have very little of the original volume.

Site Visit: A spring plantation of 130,000 black and white spruce seedlings.



conditions. For more information go to the following website:



http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/OFR/2ColumnSubPage/STEL02_165647.html

Site Visit: The project was visited as part of the IFA for the Wabigoon Forest.

Date: September 20th, 2010

Location: Wabigoon Forest, Dryden

Purpose: To view the NEBIE research plot established on the Wabigoon Forest as a result of funding from several organizations including the Forestry Futures Enhanced Forest Productivity Science Program.

Participants: FFTC contract staff (Sarah Bros), Aborvitae (AVES) audit team, and representatives from Domtar and regional and district MNR visited the NEBIE project site.

Description: The NEBIE project is a series of plots representing a suite of silvicultural treatments established to study their productivity and yields. NEBIE stands for Natural, Extensive, Basic, Intensive and Elite silviculture treatments. Each treatment is replicated in a plot. There are several projects established across the province to represent different forest

Enhanced Forest Productivity Science Program

ELIGIBLE PROGRAM APPLICANTS

The Enhanced Forest Productivity Science (EFPS) program was established in January 2005 as a three-year initiative with an allocation of \$2.3 million per year from the Forestry Futures Trust fund.

The EFPS program has funded 42 projects for a total of \$6.4 million, with \$16.4 million in matching contributions. The \$16.4 million of partner funding can be further broken down as \$5.6 million in cash and \$10.8 million of in-kind contributions.

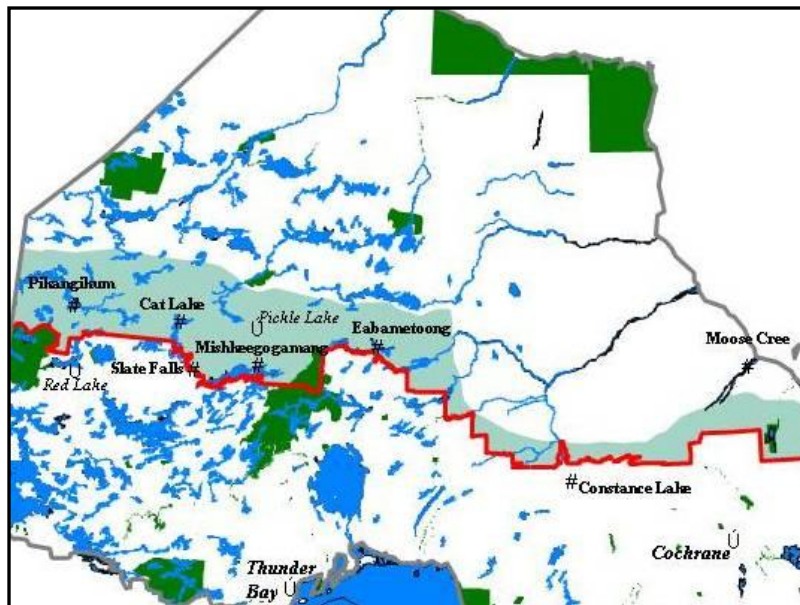
By the end of the 2010 fiscal year most of the approved EFPS projects have been successfully completed. The remaining projects have scheduled end dates in 2011. As projects are completed actual levels of funding achieved are being entered into a database so a final review can be completed at the end of the program.

Far North Forestry Development Initiative Program

In June 2005, the Ministry of Natural Resources announced that the Ontario government was providing a \$2.0-million fund to be used by First Nation communities for projects related to community based land use planning and collection of background information to help support economic development decisions in Ontario's far north. All funds were allocated to the Forestry Futures Trust for disbursement in 3 rounds of applications from 2005-2008.

In 2010 the Forestry Futures Trust Committee continued to support three projects which include First Nation communities of Cat Lake, Constance Lake, Moose Cree and Slate Falls. All of the allotted \$2.0 million has been awarded and the Committee will continue to work with applicants to ensure successful completion of all projects by the end of 2011.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has embarked on a new Far North Initiative which will include the area and communities covered by this program.



Far North Forestry Development Initiative Program Communities

Independent Forest Audit Program

The 2010 Independent Forest Audit (IFA) program consisted of eleven forests being audited by four audit firms. The Committee reviewed proposals from five audit firms to conduct the Independent Forest Audits on behalf of the Ministry of Natural Resources. The Committee selections were as follows:

Arborvitae Environmental Services Ltd.: Gordon Cosens Forest, Spanish Forest and Wabigoon Forest

Arbex Forest Resources Consultants Ltd.: Kenogami Forest and Ogoki Forest

Craig Howard RPF: Dog River Matawin Forest and English River Forest

KBM Forestry Consultants Inc.: Cochrane Moose River Crown Management Unit, Iroquois Falls Forest, Smooth Rock Falls Forest and Red Lake Forest



The eleven IFAs were awarded at a total cost of \$1,089,169. Significant delays were experienced in the production of the final reports with the last of the 2010 IFA reports being submitted in August 2011, six months past expected timelines. This aspect of the IFA program is of great concern to the Committee and will be addressed in the 2011 and 2012 programs.

Generally the results of the 2010 Independent Forest Audits are very positive, however, a recommendation to not extend the license on one forest and 2 conditional passes were outcomes of this year's audit. Three consistent areas needing improvement included: forest management planning assumptions and

Forestry Futures IFA Role

Since 2002, the Forestry Futures Trust Committee has implemented the IFA Program for the Ministry of Natural Resources. FFTC responsibilities include: the allocation of funds; selecting audit firms; contract management and communications with the audit firms and key audit participants; attending audit meetings and field examinations; ensuring the audit program is implemented according to the IFA process and protocol; reviewing all draft reports and ensuring final reports are of the highest quality. The Committee also provides recommendations to MNR concerning revisions to the audit program and IFA process and protocol, coordinates auditor orientation sessions with MNR, and makes recommendations to the Minister of Natural Resources as required or appropriate.

projections; reducing productive land losses to slash and waste wood; and silvicultural effectiveness monitoring. It is also notable that one of this year's audited forests, which did not pass its 2005 audit, was found to have made significant improvements in the past 5 years with the auditors recommending license extension this time.

Most of the audits had an average number of recommendations for improvement. Detailed action plans to address issues found during the audits are being prepared and will be posted on the Ministry of Natural Resources website alongside the audit reports.

The 2010 final reports and the action plans will be publicly available once they are tabled in the legislature by the Minister of Natural Resources and at that time can be accessed through our website (www.forestryfutures.ca).

SFL Conversion to Cooperative Initiative Program

Forestry Futures Trust SFL Conversion to Co-op Role

"This FFT program assists in the conversion of single entity SFLs to shareholder SFLs where the following benefits can be reliably anticipated: more efficient management of disputes, increased wood availability, reduced delivered wood costs, equitable sharing of costs amongst shareholders, increased wood supply and reduced management costs with management unit amalgamations."

There were no new projects applied for or approved in the 2010/11 reporting period. This year saw an evolution of tenure to enhanced Cooperative Shareholders and other new management models being developed through the Tenure Reform discussions (Local Forest Management Companies). Of the \$1,313,166

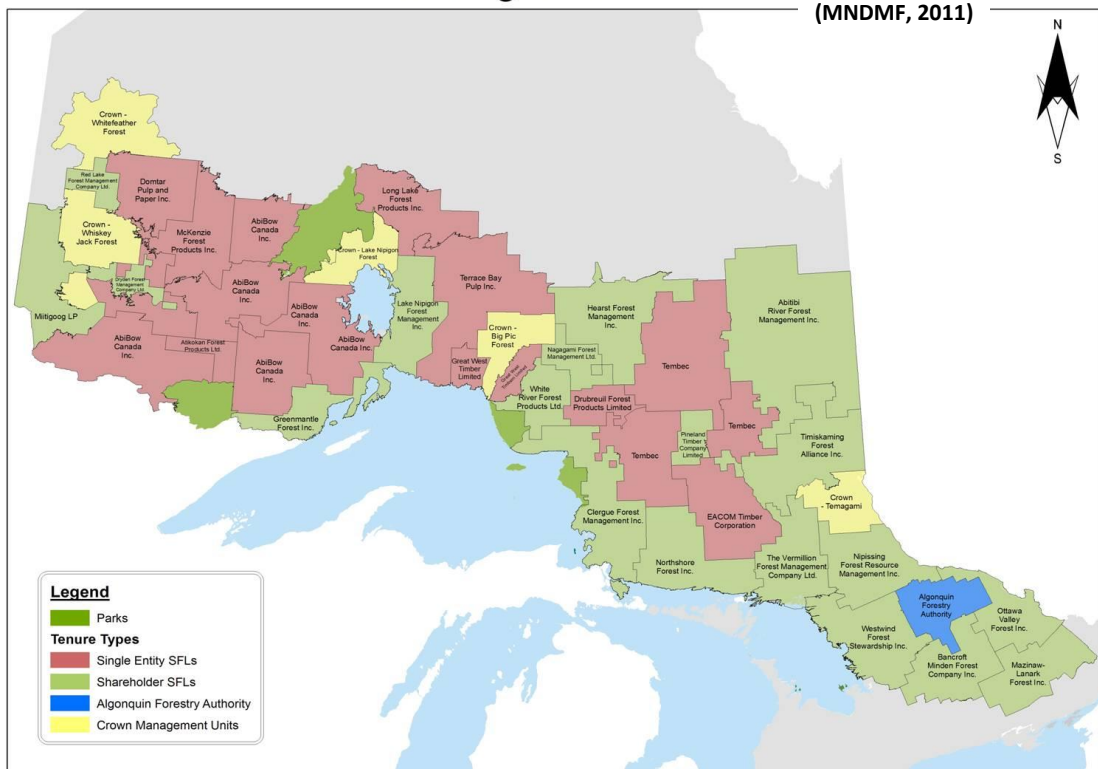
allocated for distribution to this program \$52,000 was spent in 2010/11.

There was limited activity in the fourth year of this program, with two exceptions. A summary of activity is as follows:

- CC_4 Lake Nipigon Forest Management: This project is now closed.
- CC_5 Cochrane Area Cooperative (now known as Abitibi Forest): A Shareholder Agreement was signed, upon which the new SFL Company – the Abitibi River Forest Management Inc. - is based. First Resource Forest Management Company is contracted to carry out forest management activities. The future evolution of the Co-op will include First Nation partners. This project is now considered closed.

Ontario Management Units 2011

(MNDMF, 2011)



Enhanced Forest Resource Inventory Program

This program will develop a new Forest Resource Inventory (FRI), using leading edge imagery, interpretation technologies and a network of Forest Inventory ground plots. This program is funded by stumpage fees for harvested Crown timber

The program is managed by the MNR. All of the work that is performed by contractors is governed by the stringent requirements of government procurement and contract management processes. The FFTC administers the eFRI program, in partnership with the MNR, from a separate account within the Forestry Futures Trust account.

Forestry Futures Trust eFRI Role

“The FFTC will take an active role, working in partnership with the MNR, to administer the eFRI program. The MNR has assumed the full responsibility for the delivery of the forest resource program focusing on accuracy, completeness and currency. The MNR and FFTC will share a lead role in administering the program. The MNR retains the overall scheduling and priority setting, standard setting, and quality control. “

The 2010/11 fiscal was the fifth year of the program.

Program activities that were carried out in 2010/11 included:

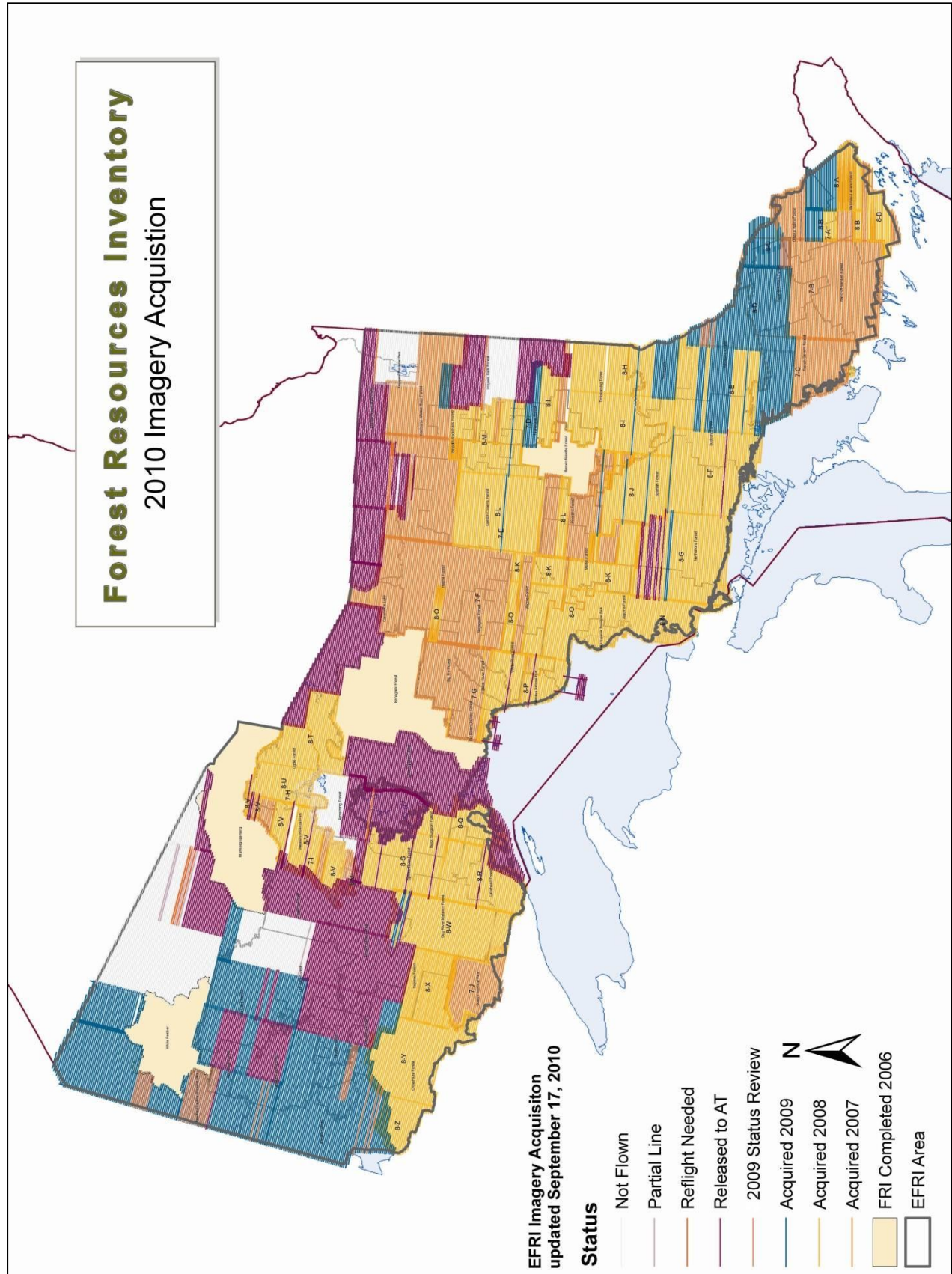
- Acquisition of digital imagery covering approximately 82,688 sq. km
- Interpretation of 192 permanent forest inventory photo plots
- FRI Production for the Bancroft-Minden Forest – equivalent of approximately 4,896 sq.km interpreted
- FRI Production for the Hearst Forest - equivalent of approximately 3,531 sq.km interpreted
- FRI Production for the Marathon Block - equivalent of approximately 4,382 sq.km interpreted

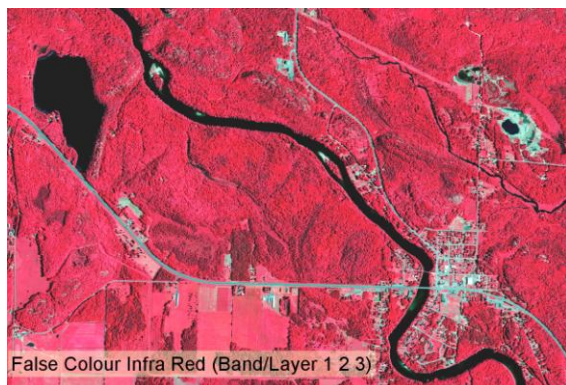
- FRI Production for the Lakehead Forest - equivalent of approximately 5,526 sq. km interpreted.
- FRI Production for the Crossroute Forest - 3032 calibration plots installed and measured, equivalent of approximately 2,235 sq.km. interpreted
- FRI Production for the Ogoki Forest - 2170 calibration plots installed and measured, equivalent of approximately 250 sq.km. interpreted
- FRI Production for the White River Forest- 1225 calibration plots installed and measured
- Development of the FRI Assessment Plot Sampling Design
- Training sessions held for field crews and photo-interpreters that will be producing the FRI for the Crossroute, Ogoki and White River Forests

Weather continued to be a challenge and approximately 45,000 sq. km. of image acquisition was postponed until 2011/12. The remaining areas were not continuous in location (only partial areas that were further apart) and weather conditions were always changing. This made imagery capture difficult.

The MNR and the FFTC agreed that the FFTC would be actively involved in the development and implementation of the Research, Development and Training component of the eFRI program.

Forest Resources Inventory 2010 Imagery Acquisition





eFRI photos courtesy of MNR Inventory,
Monitoring and Assessment Section

COMMITTEE OPERATIONS

Committee Operations Budget - 2010/11

Available Funds

Received from the <i>Forestry Futures Trust Fund</i>	\$200,000.00
Prior Year unspent balance	\$387,959.38
TOTAL Funds Available	\$587,959.38

Expenditures

Meetings	\$64,916.82
Per diems – Committee	\$63,351.41
Per diems – Professional /Contract Staff	\$163,016.43
Admin Support	\$50,005.28
Supplies (Communication/consumables)	\$13,315.59
Equipment / Signage	\$4,717.05
Overhead	\$54,506.75
TOTAL Expenses	\$413,829.33

Note: A list of New, Ongoing and Completed FFT Program projects can be found on our website.

<http://www.forestryfutures.ca>

