

# Wisconsin's Forest Planning

Where are we and where are we  
going?

*Northeast Forest Resource Planners Association  
Meeting*

*Teague Prichard*

*Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources*

*August, 2003*

*Duluth, Minnesota*



# In 30 minutes or less

## The “Big Three” Planning Efforts

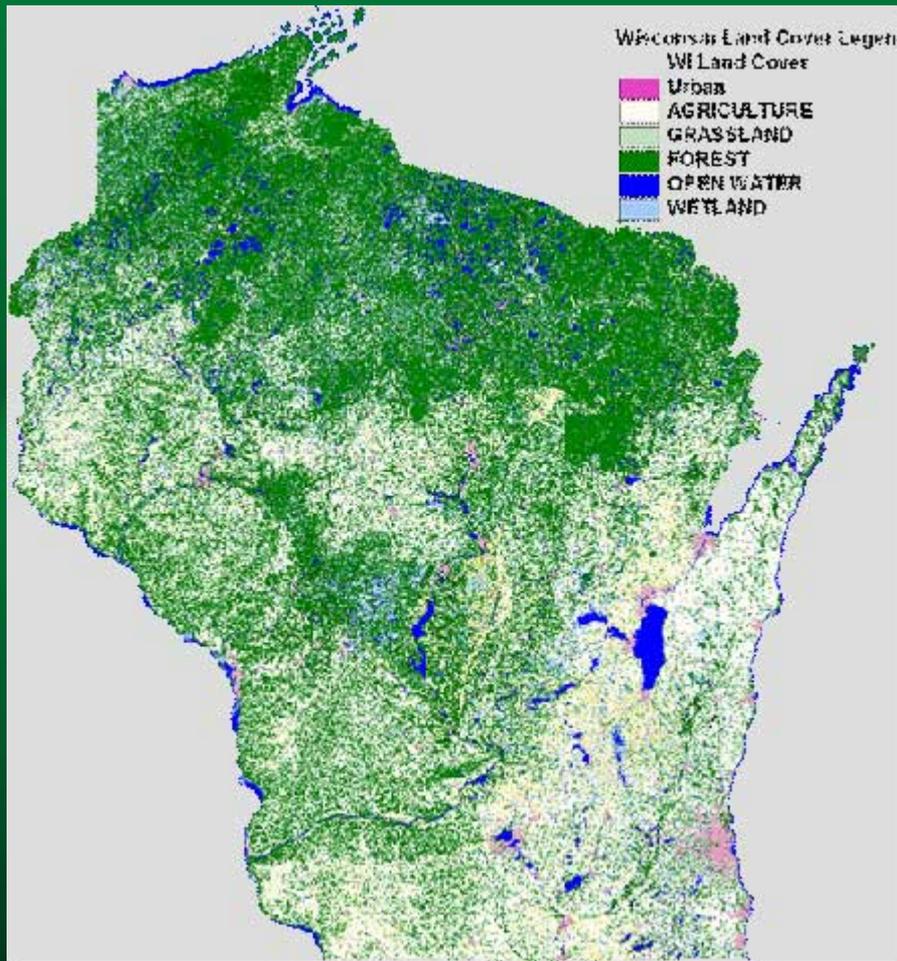
- Statewide Forest Plan
- State Forest Master Plans
- County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plans

The Little ones ??

Comprehensive Land Use Plans etc



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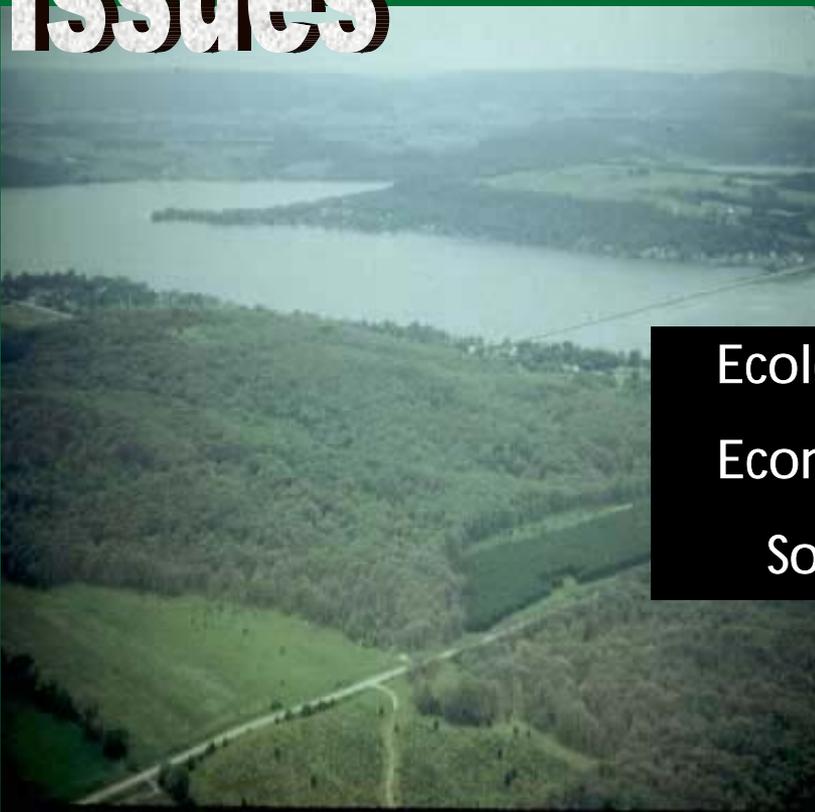
## The Dairy State ?

46% forested

16 million acres

# Forestry Trends and Issues

## Issues



Ecological  
Economic  
Social

## Trends



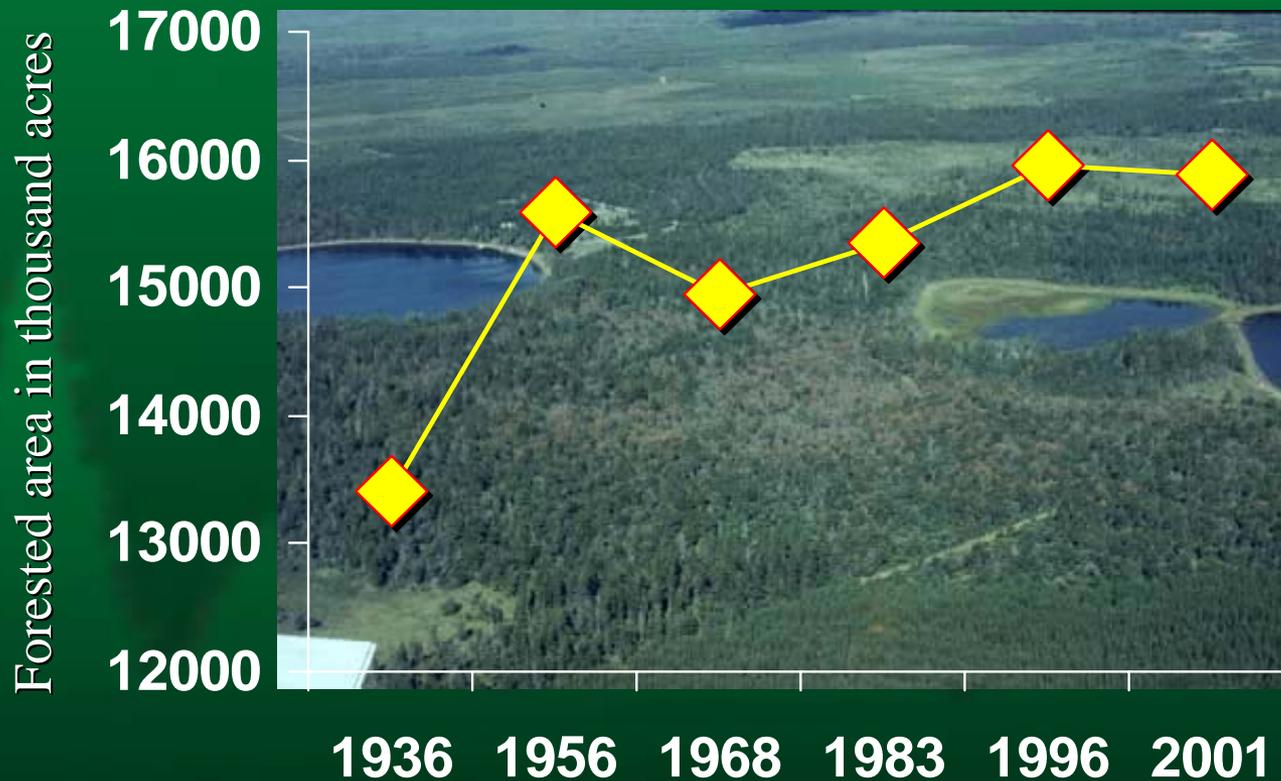
# Statewide Forest Plan

*Work with our partners  
to articulate a  
commonly held **vision**  
for Wisconsin's forest  
resources and lay out  
a strategy for  
achieving that vision!*



# Trend: Forestland is Increasing

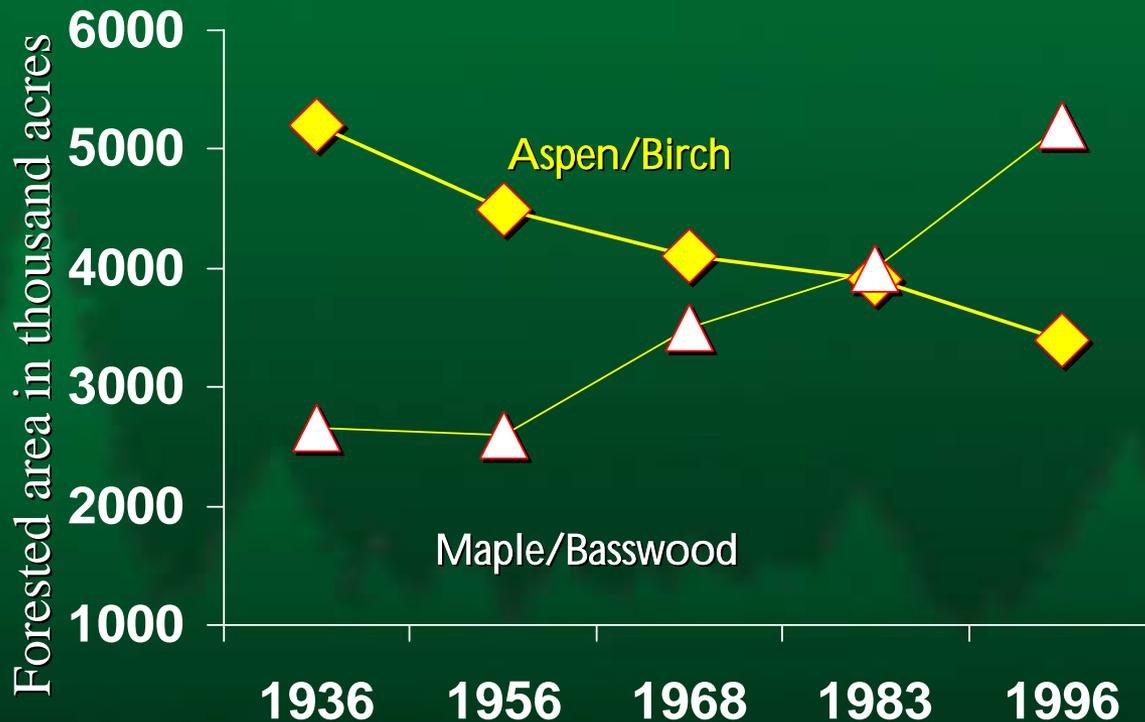
- Forest land has increased by 640,000 acres, or about 4 %, to 15,965,000 acres
- Trees increased by 1.4 billion for a total of 9.8 billion in WI.



\* Since 1983

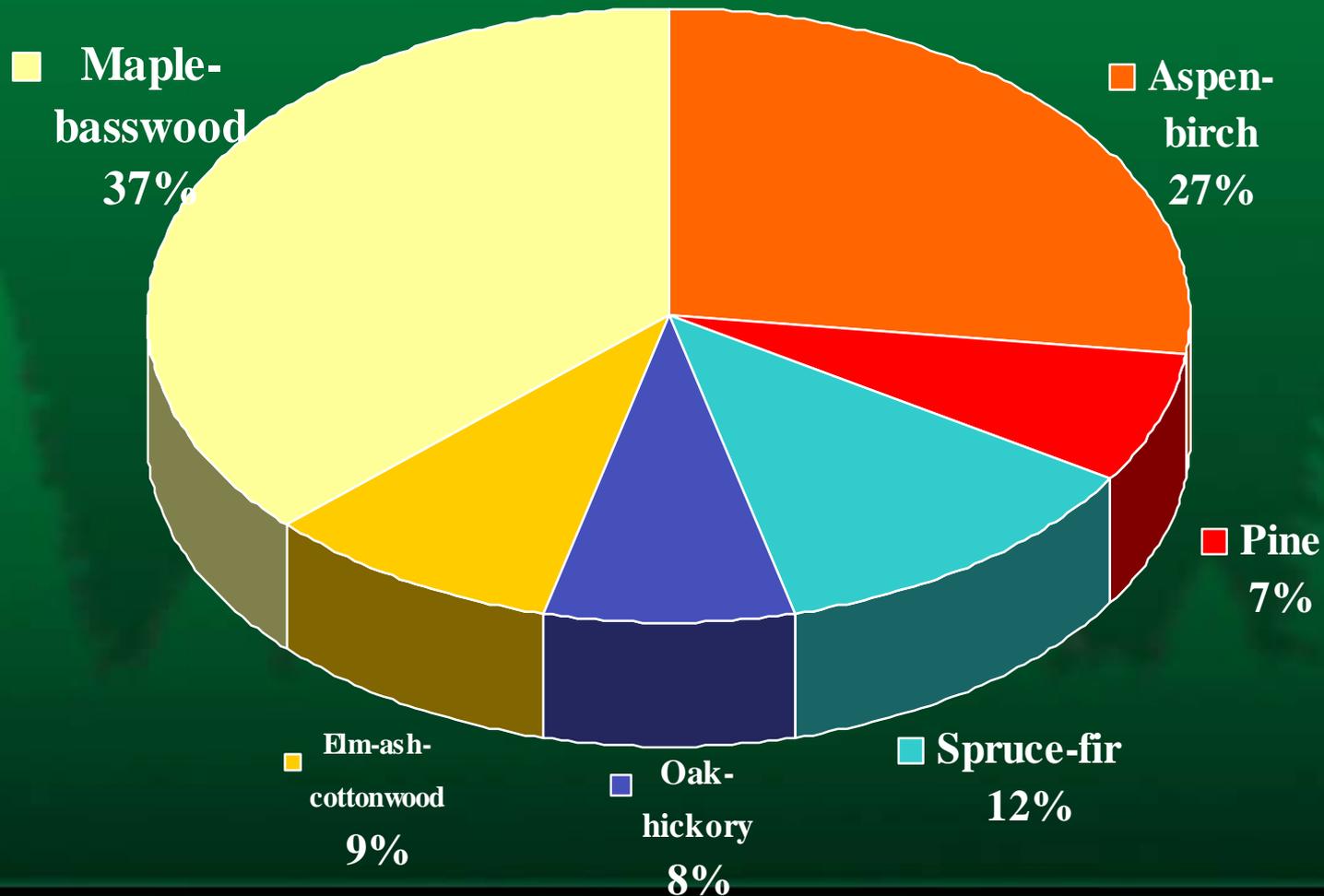
# Trend: Forests are Aging and Succession is Occurring

- Increase in Maple-Basswood forests
- Decrease in Aspen- Birch forests



# Current Forest Composition

Wisconsin Forests are about 80% Hardwood



# Trend: Growth and Removals

- Increase of growth and removals each year
- Growth continues to exceed removals
- The largest percentage of growth was in sawtimber volume



# Trend: Demographics of Forest Owners

- Currently 262,000 private forest landowners, own 57% of forest land
- Number of individual landowners increasing and values changing.
- Ownership size is decreasing - Individuals own on average 34 acres of forest land and 35% of forest land owners own less than 10 acres
- 30% of forest landowners reside >25 miles from forest property.