**METHODOLOGY**

To consolidate the 2006 conservation planning goal into a core conservation focus areas that represent the most ecologically significant forest blocks, and key connections between them for wildlife movement and human recreation.

First, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) released climate change resilience data from The Nature Conservancy was also incorporated into the original planning process.

With the updated plan completed in 2017, the Q2C strategic conservation plan was updated in 2018 using new natural resource data and an improved science-based methodology. Newly incorporated climate change resilience data from 2016.

A GIS Advisory Team comprised of several knowledgeable staff drawn from various partnership organizations and agencies then assigned weighted values to the core conservation focus areas.

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**ABOUT**

Launched in 2003, the Quabbin to Cardigan Partnership (Q2C) is a collaborative, landscape-scale effort to conserve the most ecologically significant forest blocks, and key connections between them for wildlife movement and human recreation.

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