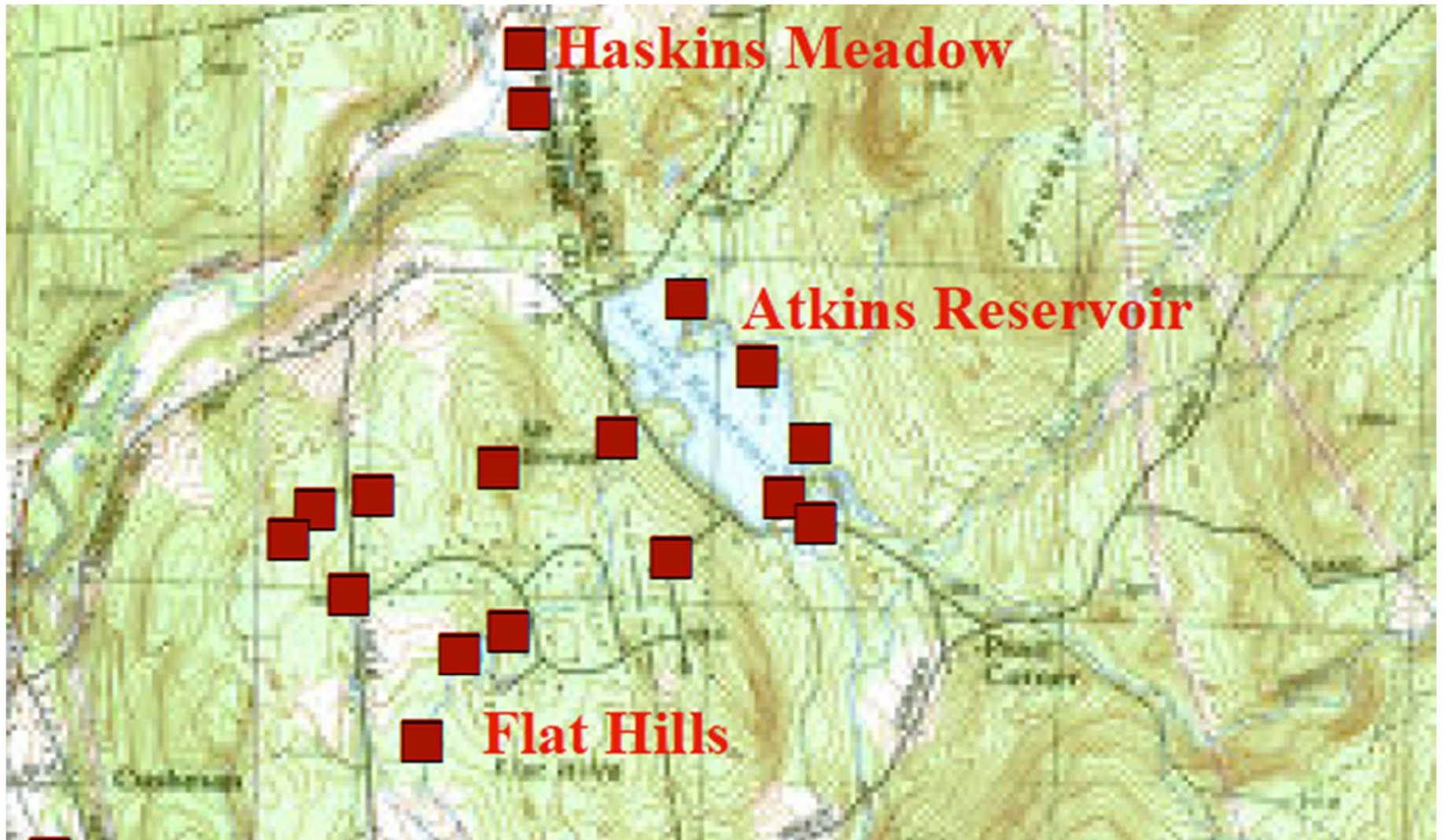


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Site #	Owner 1990	Vegetation 1990	Description 1990	Description and Habitat Notes 2009	Latitude	Longitude
F1	AmConLand	hardwood swamp with good shrub understory	starting at beginning of Cider Mill Pond Trail on High Point Drive, spike is at 16" red maple N side of trail 20' from E end of boardwalk and about 150' W of High Pt Drive	Starting at the beginning of Cider Mill Pond Trail on High Point Drive: 150' down the trail, there is a spike at the base of a red maple on the north (right) side of the trail. (Amherst Conservation Land) Note: bog boardwalk configuration varies over time. Tree with spike may or may not be along the boardwalk. No habitat change.	42.4169	-72.4906
F2	AmConLand	brushy edge near swamp woods	SW side of pond, spike is E of trail under 14" big tooth aspen 15' SW of pond edge	(no more spikes). Take trail around pond, just as trail turns left away from pond (15 feet from pond edge). (Amherst Conservation). No habitat change.	42.4163	-72.4923
F3	AmConLand	red maple woods	in western part of property within view of yellow Dodge (Connolly) house W side of trail under leaning dead cedar across from 27" sugar maple	New (yellow blazed) trail goes left to bottom edge of pasture and then off through woods. Watch carefully for the "Cider Mill Trail" sign facing away from you (on your right). Turn right at that point (no sign to indicate that you are on the Walt Whitman trail, which is also marked in yellow). Continue to the boardwalk (increasing water has expanded to about 4 boards). Just before those boards are two small red maples. (Amherst Conservation.) Note, you are not very far from F2, but have walked a long way - much farther than the walks between any of the other sites. (If you miss the trail junction, you will walk an even longer route!). There is new house to SW they have cleared under their trees (maybe beyond).	42.4141	-72.4936
F4	(on road)	suburban	jet corner of High Point Drive & Flat Hills Rd, spike in NE corner 6' E of stop sign and under 4" white pine	Take trail to Flat Hills, walk to corner of Flat Hills and High Point (stop sign corner). This site is almost impossible when the traffic is bad. Sunday morning is ideal. No habitat change.	42.4178	-72.4962
F5	McCormick	open cutover red oak stand	on RFT 200' W of Flat Hills Rd at 20" red oak stump just N of trail under sprout pair of 12" and 9" red oaks near low rock pile	Follow Flat Hills along to Robert Frost Trail, turn left (west), down Keith McCormick's driveway to trail, along trail to the edge of forest - just before muddy area. (McCormick) 270 feet from Flat Hills. No habitat change.	42.4200	-72.4974
F6	W.D.Cowls	recently cut white pine woods	on RFT 600' W of Flat Hills Rd S. side of trail beneath 25' dead white pine with leaning white pine hung up in it	Continue west on Robert Frost Trail under arched dead trees. On the left there is blaze on pine with a dead oak leaning on it. Beyond that is leaning tree on right (but there are leaning trees everywhere, go to the sharp "s" curve in the trail. (Cowls) 800 feet from Flat Hills, This site has changed dramatically - there is now a house very visible to the south. Note: originally was supposed to walk 15 feet off the trail to the south, but flagging suggests that is now private land. For last few years, I have just stayed on the trail.	42.4192	-72.4983
F7	W.D.Cowls	pine stand in process of being logged	on RFT 200' E of Flat Hills Rd, spike 15' S of trail in middle of 15" white pine stump	Return to Flat Hills, take Robert Frost Trail to east. There is a small clearing where there used to be a road leading off to the left - now grown in. Just beyond that opening is a woods road leading to the right.(Cowls) 370 feet from Flat Hills. (In 1999 massive cordwood operation just before this site. By 2001 this had become a major logging road.) By 2009 does not appear to be any logging.	42.4204	-72.4954
F8	W.D.Cowls	hemlock-hardwood forest	at high point of RFT maybe 1000' E of Flat Hills Rd between 15" white pine and 3" red maple	Continue along Robert Frost Trail to high point of land (there seems to be a high point, but go on a little bit to a real knob mostly pines except those cut down before the 2001 survey). (Cowls) distance listed as "maybe 1000 feet from Flat Hills."	42.4211	-72.4910
F9	Amh Watershed	mixed pine-hardwood woods	on RFT 200' S of Market Hill Rd under 10" white pine near down log on E side of trail	Continue along Robert Frost Trail until the trail crosses the boundary into Amherst Watershed land (tree with 3 red stripes, many flags). Just beyond that trail curves slightly and there is tree with RFT mark. You can see the road just below you. No habitat change except across the road where watershed folks have removed all shrubs.	42.4219	-72.4869

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