

# Protected Open Space

Almost a quarter of Worthington's 21,440 acres is permanently protected. These lands are scattered throughout the town, lacking any protected connections.

Most of the protected lands are owned by the Commonwealth; the rest are owned by the town, Massachusetts Audubon, or by private landowners who have enrolled their properties in the Agricultural Preservation Restriction program or the Conservation Restriction program.

The Chapter 61 Forestry program protects, temporarily, approximately ten percent of land in Worthington and the status of protection can change at any time.

MassGIS only lists Chapter 61 Forestry lands in Worthington. Lands in other Chapter 61 programs may be present in Worthington but this information was not available at the time of making this map.

## Level of Protection

### Permanently Protected Lands

Most of these lands are owned by the Commonwealth. The remaining are owned either by the towns, or nonprofits, or are conserved under the APR or CR programs.

### Temporarily Protected Lands

Lands temporarily protected by Chapter 61 provide valuable connections between permanently protected areas.

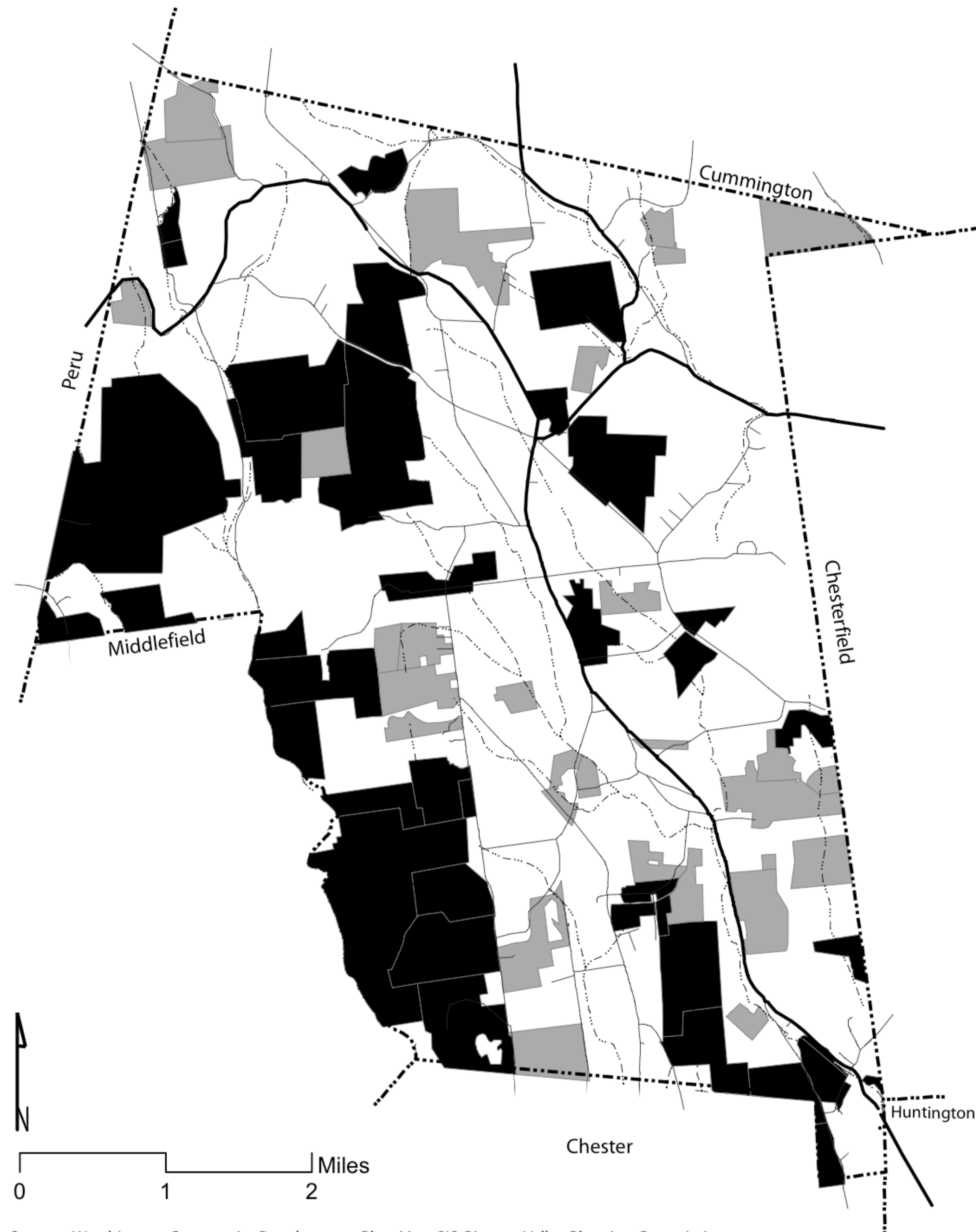
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Note: This map is intended for planning purposes only.



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