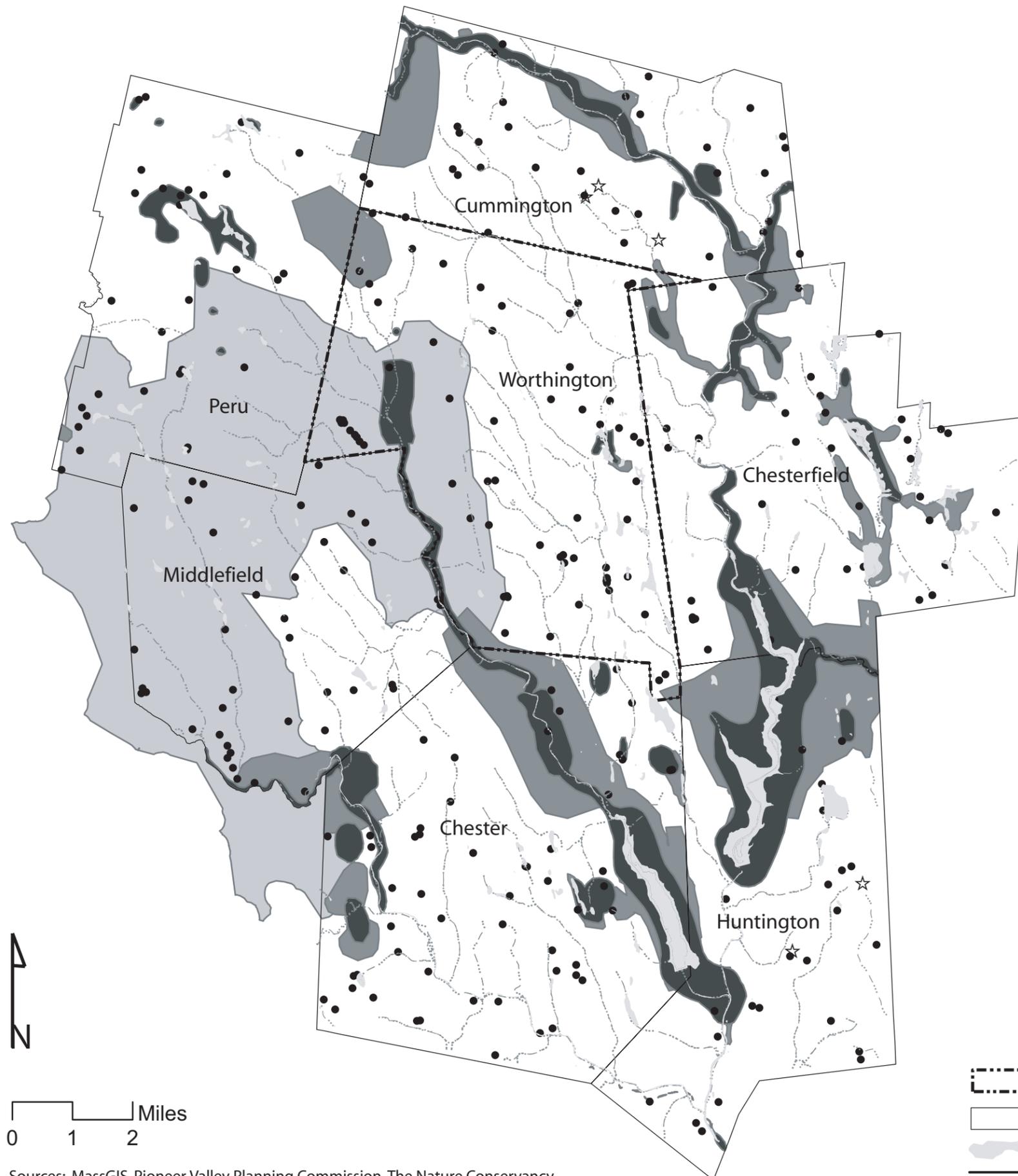


Regional Unique Environments

The Worthington region has several unique environments. These core habitats, large forested tracts, vernal pools, wetlands, and streams create rural and scenic views and support a wide variety of flora and fauna.



- **NHESP Potential Vernal Pools: NOT equivalent to Certified Vernal Pools**
Potential vernal pools identified by NHESP staff from aerial photographs. These pools are not certified and need to be identified and their location documented by local citizens.
- ☆ **NHESP 2003 Massachusetts Certified Vernal Pools**
Certified vernal pools providing valuable habitat and breeding areas for invertebrates and amphibians.
- NHESP BioMap Core Habitat**
Areas of most viable habitat for rare species and natural communities.
- NHESP 2005 Priority Habitats for State-Protected Rare Species**
Estimated areas of habitat for rare species recognized by the state, based on species occurrence and population records.
- Forest Cores**
Areas of large tracts of nearly uninterrupted forest cores. These areas provide valuable interior forest habitats for large mammals and interior bird species.

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Note: This map is intended for planning purposes only.

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Sources: MassGIS, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, The Nature Conservancy

- Town boundary
- Neighboring town boundaries
- Surface waters
- Rivers