Descriptive Summary of the Changes in Coastal Southern Maine, June 9, 1986, to June 12, 1993

Forested lands dominated the landscape of southern Maine with over 550,000 acres (approximately 24 percent of the land) covered by mixed and deciduous forests. At more than 30,000 acres, forest loss constituted the greatest change detected by the C-CAP land cover analysis in Southern Maine. The majority of the 30,000 acres of forest conversion documented between 1986 and 1993 was attributed to human development. Changes due to development were evidenced by the direct transition of 3,300 acres of forest to high and low intensity development, over 15,000 acres to grassland, and over 10,000 acres to scrub/shrub as the forests are cleared and prepared for development.

When forests are converted to low intensity development, such as residential neighborhoods, the impact to the affected forests may be less because, typically, 20 to 50 percent of the vegetative cover remains in residential neighborhoods through the incorporation of large yards, parks, and trees. High intensity development, such as industrial parks, parking lots, and highways, impacts once-forested areas severely as the area is no longer predominated by vegetation; rather the landscape is dominated by buildings and paved surfaces.

A smaller component of forest change captured in the southern Maine data set was indicative of the cyclic silviculture process, which involves the harvest and reforestation of evergreen tree stands. These changes were often captured as forests changing to grasslands, the grasslands growing to scrub/shrub, and the scrub/shrub eventually returning to mature forests. However, silviculture is not a major industry in this portion of Maine, with only a small portion of the landscape, about 5,000 acres, in the cycle.

Below are three tables. The first two tables contain a data summary for the time 1 and time 2 images. These images were used to create the change image and their tables include; land cover classes, the number of pixels present in each class, and their corresponding values in acres.

The third table is a complete change matrix for time 1 and time 2 images and includes a smaller, generalized table, which groups similar classes together. Table three compares each class from time 1 to time 2 and illustrates the change that took place between classes. The table presents the total acres for each class, the total percent that each class represents, the total acres that changed, and the percent of change they represent.

Tabular Summary: Southern Maine, June 9, 1986

	CLASS	PIXELS	ACRES	PERCENT
0	Background	0	0	0.00%
1	Unclassified	0	0	0.00%
	High Intensity Developed	97382	21657	0.92%
3	Low Intensity Developed	138274	30751	1.31%
4	Cultivated Land	15934	3544	0.15%
5	Grassland	575405	127967	5.44%
6	Deciduous Forest	1061064	235974	10.04%
7	Evergreen Forest	343410	76372	3.25%
8	Mixed Forest	1504302	334548	14.23%
	Scrub/Shrub	348194	77436	
10	Palustrine Forested Wetland	294386	65470	2.78%
	Palustrine Scrub/Shrub Wetland	163377	36334	1.55%
12	Palustrine Emergent Wetland	75883	16876	0.72%
13	Estuarine Forested Wetland	0	0	0.00%
14	Estuarine Scrub/Shrub Wetland	0	0	0.00%
15	Estuarine Emergent Wetland	40837	9082	0.39%
16	Unconsolidated Shore	55268	12291	0.52%
17	Bare Land	19671	4375	0.19%
18	Water	5837882	1298310	55.22%
19	Palustrine Aquatic Bed	0	0	0.00%
20	Estuarine Aquatic bed	0	0	0.00%
21	Tundra	0	0	0.00%
22	Snow/Ice	0	0	0.00%
	TOTALS	10571269	2350986	100.00%

Tabular Summary: Southern Maine, June 12, 1993

	CLASS	PIXELS	ACRES	PERCENT
0	Background	0	0	0.00%
1	Unclassified	0	0	0.00%
	High Intensity Developed	106365	23655	
3	Low Intensity Developed	150632	33500	
4	Cultivated Land	16818	3740	0.16%
5	Grassland	648169	144149	
6	Deciduous Forest	1030022	229071	9.74%
7	Evergreen Forest	310520	69058	2.94%
8	Mixed Forest	1455879	323779	13.77%
	Scrub/Shrub	368702	81997	
10	Palustrine Forested Wetland	285299		
	Palustrine Scrub/Shrub Wetland	165237	36748	1.56%
12	Palustrine Emergent Wetland	78876	17542	
13	Estuarine Forested Wetland	0	0	0.00%
14	Estuarine Scrub/Shrub Wetland	0	0	0.00%
	Estuarine Emergent Wetland	41271	9178	
16	Unconsolidated Shore	55755	12400	0.53%
17	Bare Land	18232	4055	0.17%
18	Water	5839492	1298668	55.24%
	Palustrine Aquatic bed	0	0	0.00%
20	Estuarine Aquatic Bed	0	0	0.00%
21	Tundra	0	0	0.00%
22	Snow/Ice	0	0	0.00%
	TOTALS	10571269	2350986	100.00%

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8 Mixed Forest	461	983	3	6360	396	56	321591	4431	10	15	5	0	0	46	15	103	01	0	0	0	0		Mixed Forest																					
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16 Unconsolidated Shore	10	2	0	11	6	6	4	8	0	24	16	0	0	2	12163	35	5	0	0	0	C	12292	Unconsolidated Shore																					
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21 Tundra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0 Tundra																						
22 Snow/Ice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 Snow/Ice																						
Total Acres	23,656	33,501	3,740	144,157	229,073	69,062	323,787	81,999	63,451	9,179	17,545			36,751	12,401	4,055	1,299,855					1053052	Total Acres																					
Percent	2.25%	3.18%	0.36%		21.75%	6.56%	30.75%	7.79%	6.03%	0.87%	1.67%	0.00%	0.00%	3.49%	1.18%	0.39%	123.44%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%		Percent																					
Changed 1985-1995	1,998	2,749	197	16,182	-6,904	-7,315	-10,769	4,561	-2,021	97	665	0	0	413	108	-320	359	0	0	0			Total Acres that Changed																					
Percent Change	9.22%	8.94%	5.55%	12.65%	-2.93%	-9.58%	-3.22%	5.89%	-3.09%	1.06%	3.94%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/01	1.14%	0.88%	-7.31%	0.03%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/01	#DIV/0!		Percent Change																					

FROM / TO	Developed	Cultivated	Grassland	Forested	Scrub/Shrub	Wetlands	Bare	Water	Total Acres	Changed	
Developed	52,180	4	82	59	57	15	11	3	52,413	233	Developed
Cultivated	1	3,503	33	2	5	0	0	0	3,544	41	Cultivated
Grassland	712	159	125,442	115	1,165	130	178	79	127,980	2,538	Grassland
Forested	3,345	20	15,123	681,490	10,475	234	373	388	711,449	29,958	Forested
Scrub/Shrub	802	28	2,746	3,410	79,196	120	173	78	86,553	7,357	Scrub/Shrub
Wetlands	180	6	601	128	318	126,198	78	262	127,771	1,573	Wetlands
Bare	62	20	683	32	196	95	15,583	29	16,699	1,116	Bare
Water	11	1	672	74	31	120	89	1,299,160	1,300,158	998	Water
Total Acres	57,294	3,741	145,381	685,310	91,443	126,913	16,485	1,299,999	1,053,052	43,814	Total Acres
Percent of Total (Y2/Total)	5.44%	0.36%	13.81%	65.08%	8.68%	12.05%	1.57%	123.45%		4.16%	
Total Change (Y2-Y1)	4881	197	17401	-26139	4890	-858	-214	-159		43814	
Percent Change	9.31%	5.57%	13.60%	-3.67%	5.65%	-0.67%	-1.28%	-0.01%		4.16%	