

# 8A

Community Cluster.....8

Landscape Class.....A

## Description

These areas occur mostly within the urban and suburban areas of the eastern United States. There is less forested land cover and a higher amount of ignitions due to the increase in population. These counties are characterized by a higher than average demographic advantage, mixed demographic stress and a low to moderate area burned. They are dominated by the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) area. These areas have a large number of fire stations and responders, so even though the number of incidents is large, the area burned is limited.

## Example of a Typical County

*Worcester County, Massachusetts:* Like many nearby urban counties, Worcester has a high Wildland Urban Interface and numerous small fires.



## Challenges and Opportunities

### Vegetation and Fuels

Local discretion should be used to determine the importance of fuel treatment, which treatment is applicable and what is affordable based on the use of local resources.

### Homes, Communities and Values at Risk

Communities can plan and take coordinated action, in combination with individual actions by property owners. This can include the creation of buffers and strategic fuel breaks. These counties could adjust building and construction codes in municipal areas.

### Human-Caused Ignitions

Human caused ignitions are a problem in these counties. Reduce accidental and human-caused ignitions through enforcement or outreach.

### Effective and Efficient Wildfire Response

Protect structures and target prevention of ignitions.

## National Priorities

Vegetation and Fuels	Very Low
Homes, Communities and Values at Risk	Moderate
Human-Caused Ignitions	High

Effective and Efficient Response: There is low risk of large wildfires.

## 8A County Names

### **Alabama**

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Etowah  
Jefferson

### **Arkansas**

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Pulaski

### **Connecticut**

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Fairfield  
Hartford  
Middlesex  
New Haven  
New London  
Tolland

### **Florida**

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Citrus  
Duval  
Escambia  
Hernando  
Pasco  
Seminole

### **Georgia**

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Barrow  
Bibb  
Carroll  
Catoosa  
Clarke  
Clayton  
Coweta  
Douglas  
Fayette  
Franklin  
Hall  
Jackson  
Muscogee  
Rockdale  
Spalding  
Whitfield

### **Illinois**

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Cook

### **Indiana**

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Floyd  
LaPorte  
Porter  
Vanderburgh

### **Kentucky**

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Boone  
Boyd  
Campbell  
Franklin  
Jefferson  
Kenton  
Laurel

### **Louisiana**

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East Baton  
Rouge  
Ouachita

### **Maine**

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Androscoggin  
Cumberland  
York

### **Maryland**

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Anne Arundel  
Baltimore  
Washington

### **Massachusetts**

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Barnstable  
Bristol  
Dukes  
Essex  
Hampden  
Middlesex  
Nantucket  
Norfolk  
Plymouth  
Worcester

### **Michigan**

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Allegan  
Kalamazoo  
Kent  
Muskegon  
Oakland  
Ottawa  
St. Clair  
Van Buren

### **Minnesota**

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Anoka

## 8A County Names (continued)

### **Mississippi**

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Harrison  
Lee

### **Missouri**

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Jefferson

### **New Hampshire**

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Hillsborough  
Rockingham  
Strafford

### **New Jersey**

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Atlantic  
Camden  
Cape May  
Essex  
Gloucester  
Monmouth  
Morris  
Passaic  
Somerset

### **New York**

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Albany  
Dutchess  
Erie  
Niagara  
Onondaga  
Orange  
Putnam  
Rockland  
Schenectady  
Suffolk  
Westchester

### **North Carolina**

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Alamance  
Cabarrus  
Catawba  
Cleveland  
Cumberland  
Davidson  
Durham  
Forsyth  
Gaston  
Iredell  
Lincoln

### **Ohio**

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Clermont  
Cuyahoga  
Geauga  
Hamilton  
Lake  
Lucas  
Mahoning  
Portage  
Summit  
Trumbull

### **Oklahoma**

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Cleveland  
Oklahoma  
Tulsa

### **Pennsylvania**

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Allegheny  
Beaver  
Berks  
Blair  
Bucks  
Cumberland  
Dauphin  
Franklin  
Lackawanna  
Lancaster  
Lawrence  
Lebanon  
Lehigh  
Luzerne  
Northampton  
Northumberland  
Westmoreland  
York

### **Rhode Island**

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Kent  
Newport  
Providence  
Washington

## 8A County Names (continued)

### **South Carolina**

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Anderson  
Greenville  
Lexington  
Richland  
Spartanburg  
York

### **Tennessee**

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Anderson  
Bradley  
Davidson  
Hamblen  
Hamilton  
Knox  
Loudon  
Putnam  
Roane  
Sullivan  
Washington

### **Texas**

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Gregg  
Orange  
Smith  
Upshur  
Wood

### **Virginia**

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Buena Vista  
Chesterfield  
Colonial Heights  
Covington  
Emporia  
Galax  
Hampton  
Henrico  
Lynchburg  
Manassas Park  
Martinsville  
Montgomery  
Newport News  
Norton  
Petersburg  
Poquoson  
Radford  
Roanoke

Salem  
Waynesboro  
Williamsburg

### **Washington**

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Island  
Kitsap  
Thurston

### **West Virginia**

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Brooke  
Cabell  
Hancock  
Jefferson  
Mercer  
Ohio