

Dear Virginia woodland Owners,

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce you to The Virginia Forestry Association (VFA). The VFA is the leading advocate for forestry and the private forest landowner in the State of Virginia. Over 700 private landowners are members of the VFA.

This year the VFA was successful in striking down budget proposals in the General Assembly that would have reduced funding for our Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF) and the Reforestation of Timberlands Fund (RT). RT is a critical program that provides funding to private landowners and promotes reforestation of our timberlands.

In addition to political involvement, the VFA supports and promotes forestry through landowner workshops and produces a quarterly magazine that supports landowner education. VFA also partners with the Society of American Foresters and the Association of Consulting Foresters to host an Annual Forestry Summit. The Summit provides education and networking opportunities for natural resources professionals and landowners.

I invite you to check out the Virginia Forestry Association's website at [www.veforestry.org](http://www.veforestry.org). You will find useful information about "What's Happening in Virginia Forestry Today," current forestry issues, and news about the most recent legislative session. You can also join VFA on line. Just click on the Membership tab.

There are many other reasons for you and your family to become members of the Virginia Forestry Association, too many to list here. However, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Gagnon at 540-231-6391, [jgagnon@vt.edu](mailto:jgagnon@vt.edu).

Thank you again for considering a membership with the Virginia Forestry Association,

William Snyder  
VFA Membership Chair