



# Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

June 2017

## Featured Events

### Preparing for Generation NEXT Workshops

- Radford, Aug. 22 & 29
- Pittsylvania County, Oct. 17 & 24
- SE Virginia TBD

### North American Agroforestry Conference

- Blacksburg, June 27-29

### Teaching Trees

- Charlottesville, July 19-20

### Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreats

- Abingdon, August 18-20
- Providence Forge, September 22-24

Visit the Events Calendar for  
details!

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forest management options, buy  
seedlings, and find your local  
forester.*

Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

This past weekend I drove my daughter to southern Louisiana, where she will be starting her first job as a professional forester (the seed doesn't fall far from the tree, right?). About halfway through Alabama, I realized I had been driving through nothing but loblolly pine plantations for HOURS! Every age class you could imagine, thinned stands, unthinned stands, and recent clear cuts ready to be replanted. It reminded me of a conversation I had with my brother a few years back. My husband and I met him at our grandmother's house in SE Georgia. He had just driven up from central Florida, a drive I have made many times as well. He made the comment that we were running out of trees. I asked, "Phil, what were you driving past during your 4.5 hour drive here?". "Oh, trees" he replied. If you've ever driven that stretch of I-95, you know that's correct.

Here in Virginia, we grow more trees than we harvest. In 2014, there was an annual surplus of 8.4 million tons of pine and 14 million tons of hardwood. In 2016, the Virginia Department of Forestry reported tree planting on 44,991 acres, exceeding their goal of 44,500 acres. One program that helps landowner replant is the Reforestation of Timberlands Program. This cost-share program is funded by forest industry with matching funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia's General Fund. If you want to learn more about this program, visit:

<http://www.dof.virginia.gov/costshare/rt.htm>.

The other thing I realized on my trip to the deep south is that I don't miss the unrelenting heat and humidity at all. Trying to put a positive spin on it, I cheerfully told my daughter "Only 6 more months of this heat!" I'm truly happy to live here, in the shallow south.

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## Upcoming Woodland Owner Events

### North American Agroforestry Conference

- June 27-29, Inn at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg
- Register on-line

### Forest Farming Educational Opportunities

- **The Future of Ginseng and Forest Botanicals**
  - July 12-14, Morgantown, WV
- **Forest Site Assessment and Planning**
  - August 11-13, UVA Wise, Wise

### Teaching Trees

- July 19-20, Virginia Department of Forestry HQ, Charlottesville

### Preparing for Generation NEXT

- August 22 & 29, Selu Conservancy, Radford
- October 17 & 24, Pittsylvania County
- Southeast Virginia – dates coming soon

### On-line Woodland Options for Landowners Hands-on Field Trip

- August 26, Holiday Lake 4-H Center, Appomattox
- Free to students enrolled in the full course; \$10/person for all others
- On-line registration opens July 1

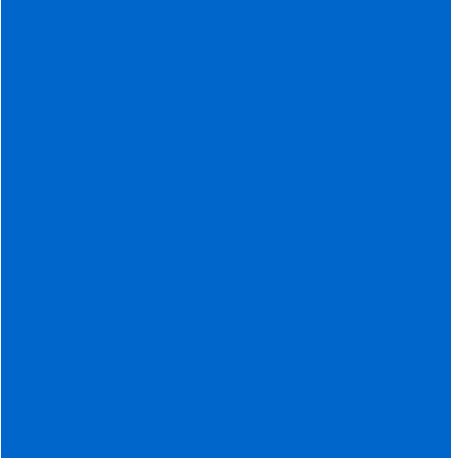
### Pennsylvania Forests Webinar Seminar Series

- June 13 – Assessing and Promoting Successful Regeneration in Your Woodland

### 2017 Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreats

- August 18-20, Southwest Virginia, SW VA 4-H Educational Center, Abingdon
- September 22-24, Southeast Virginia, New Kent Forestry Center, Providence Forge

For a full listing of events, visit the [Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program's Events Calendar](#).



Hope to see you at an event this summer!

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