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Who Should Take this Course:

Private forest landowners of any acreage; this course is not intended for forest landowners who have substantial experience working alone or with natural resource professionals in the management of their forests. Teachers, local leaders, and interested citizens are also welcome to join.

Why:

To gain an introductory level understanding of basic forest management principles and techniques and to use this understanding to become better land stewards.

View the syllabus and register on-line at: <http://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu>

Quotes from 2017 participants:

"It was all very informative. It got me out looking for boundary markers, which I am still doing (14 in all). The course has saved a lot of Survey time and money. Well worth the cost of the course."

"I enjoyed researching the history of my property and learning the soil types."

"I feel like I really understand the big picture and specifics. I can speak about issues and better understand the lingo spoken by professionals."

"The breadth of topics was sufficient for an overview and very well organized and communicated."



On-line Woodland Options for Landowners



February 12 - April 30

On-line registration:

<https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu>



**Virginia Forest
Landowner
Education
Program**

Where:

On-line, in the comfort of your own home

When:

Twelve-week self-paced course begins Monday, February 12, ends April 30, 2018

Cost: \$45 per household

Computer Requirements:

Participants will need a computer, web browser, an internet connection, and e-mail account. Access to a printer is desirable. In addition, participants should download the most current versions of Adobe Acrobat Reader DC, RealPlayer™ (look for the free version), and Google Earth Pro, all available for free on-line.

Materials:

All students will receive 4 books:

- Common Forest Trees of Virginia
- Forest Sustainability: The History, The Challenge, The Promise
- American Forests: A History of Resiliency and Recovery
- Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas

As well as access to an on-line Tree ID tutorial.

Only 1 set of print materials will be sent to each participating family; however, each family member may have their own account to access the on-line materials.



No additional text, materials or costs are required to complete the basic requirements; optional advanced assignments, which you are strongly encouraged to complete, require a dendrology field guide, digital camera, compass with adjustable declination setting, topographic quadrangle map, aerial photograph and soil survey (ordering information for all these supplies will be available in the Announcements section of the course).

Topics Covered Include:

- Setting management goals and objectives
- Writing a management plan
- Using aerial photos, topographic maps & soil surveys
- Determining boundary lines
- Forest ecology and management
- Working with natural resource professionals

Students completing all the advanced activities will finish the class with a draft forest management plan. Additionally, a group of mentors, consisting of natural resource professionals and experienced landowners, will interact with students weekly via discussion boards.

An optional end-of-semester field trip will allow students to hone their new skills and interact with one another and natural resource professionals. The date and location of the 2018 field trip will be announced the first week of class.

For more information, or if you've already taken this class and would like to be a mentor this year, please contact:

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Register and pay on-line!

Visit <https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu>

Or send this form and \$45 payment to:

Kathie Hollandsworth
 228 Cheatham Hall (0324)
 310 West Campus Drive
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Please print

Name(s) and e-mail addresses of all participating family members:

Street/P.O. _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

There will be a \$25 service charge for returned checks.

**2018 On-line Woodland Options
Registration**