In 2017, the American Tree Farm System celebrated 75 years of sustainable forestry!

Woodland Owners: Join the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation for Dinner and a Tour

You do NOT need to be a Tree Farmer to attend

Only $10

Three dates/locations
On-line registration:
https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu

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Over 10 million acres (63%) of Virginia's woodlands are owned by folks like you. Virginia woodland owners are committed to improving the health and productivity of their forests. And over 1,000 Virginia woodland owners have taken an extra step to improve their forests by adopting and implementing the American Tree Farm Standards of Sustainability to become Tree Farmers.

The Virginia Tree Farm Foundation would like to invite current and potential Tree Farmers to dinner and a field tour this summer.

Participants will tour a Tree Farm and learn about the sustainable management activities being implemented. Specific topics are site dependant and include: timber management, invasive species control, American chestnut research, and water quality. You'll also learn about the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation - where it has been and where it is going.

Pre-registration is required.

**American Tree Farm System Standards of Sustainability**

1. **Commitment to Practicing Sustainable Forestry**
   Landowner demonstrates commitment to forest health and sustainability by developing a forest management plan and implementing sustainable practices.

2. **Compliance with Laws**
   Forest management activities comply with all relevant federal, state and local laws, regulations, and ordinances.

3. **Reforestation and Afforestation**
   Landowner completes timely restocking of desired species of trees on harvested site and nonstocked area where tree growing is consistent with land use practices and the landowner's objectives.

4. **Air, Water, and Soil Protection**
   Forest management practices maintain or enhance the environment and ecosystems, including air, water, soil, and site quality.

5. **Fish, Wildlife, Biodiversity and Forest Health**
   Forest management activities shall protect all habitats and communities occupied by threatened and endangered species as required by law.

6. **Forest Aesthetics**
   Forest management activities recognize the value of forest aesthetics.

7. **Protect Special Sites**
   Special sites are managed in ways that recognize their unique historical, archeological, cultural, geological, biological, or ecological characteristics.

8. **Forest Product Harvests and Other Activities**
   Forest products harvests and other management activities are conducted in accordance with the landowner's objectives and consider other forest values.