# Small Woodlots... a Big Deal!

Small woodlots, such as the one you may have in your backyard, are a big deal. The vast majority of "forestland owners" own less than 10 acres.

Woodlots, large or small, are a vital resource for all. While the majority of Virginians don't give "woods" a second thought except when the brilliance of fall colors force a second glance, tree covered ground is the single best land use for providing clean water.

Additionally, woods provide a myriad of other benefits such as carbon sequestration, improved air quality, wildlife habitat, biomass opportunities, recreational outlets and more!

Owners of even just a few acres can make a positive difference in their environment through planning & implementing simple management practices.

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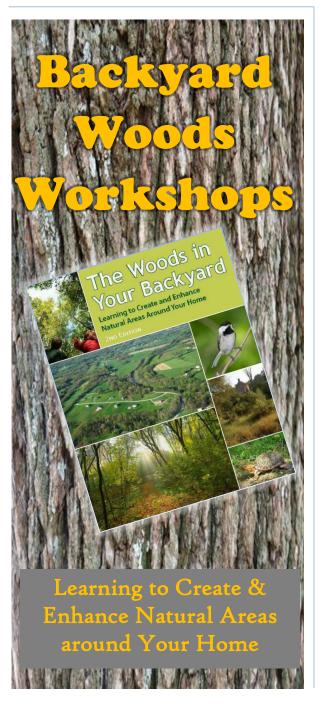




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## Tending & Creating the Woods in Your Backyard

The workshops will use the award winning, *The Woods in Your Backyard:*Learning to Create and Enhance Natural Areas Around Your Home, to equip owners of 1-10 acres to be better stewards of their property. The full-color, 108-page manual helps users identify goals for their land, and offers guidance to achieve them.

Whether you are interested in converting lawn to forest, creating wildlife habitat, or providing a useful outdoor space for your family, this book is for you.

The workshops will explore topics and techniques of planning & implementing various land management concepts and tools, including Tree ID.

For more about the manual go to: <a href="https://extension.umd.edu/woodland/w">https://extension.umd.edu/woodland/w</a> oods-your-backyard.

### Workshop Locations and Times

#### Middleburg 1-day Workshop - FREE

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 9AM-4PM (Rain date: March 26)

Location: VT-MARE Center

5527 Sullivans Mill Road Middleburg, VA 20117

This session includes a tree felling & processing demonstration.

#### **Loudoun 2-day Workshop - FREE**

Thursdays, May 10 & 17, 2018 6-9PM

Location: Cascades Library

21030 Whitfield Place Potomac Falls, VA 20165

#### **Loudoun 1-day Workshop - FREE**

Saturday, May 12, 2018 9AM-2PM

Location: Rust Library

380 Old Waterford Rd. NW

Leesburg, VA 20176

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\*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

## Tending & Creating the Woods in Your Backyard

#### Online registration here:

https://tinyurl.com/Backyardwoods

Pre-registration REQUIRED one week before each workshop. Space is limited.

Name(s): _	 
Address:	 
Phone:	 
Email:	

#### To register:

Call: 703-777-0373 Fax: 703-771-5844

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