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

Quotes from 2019 participants:

"I like how everything was laid out. The modules were easy to follow and the professor replied to any questions within a short period of time."

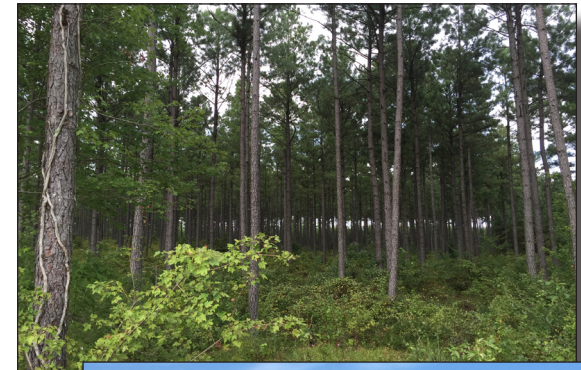
"The course was just right for me and I learned so much."

"Thank you for teaching this class. I would recommend it to anyone that owns woodland and is interested in learning how to maintain it."

"The field trip itself was worth the fee. You organized a LOT of expertise into that field day at a beautiful location."



On-line Woodland Options for Landowners



March 2 - May 22

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, March 2, ends Friday, May 22, 2020

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 3 books:

- Common Forest Trees of Virginia
- 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 2020 field trip will be held at the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center in Appomattox on Saturday June 6th.

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
Blacksburg, VA 24061
(make checks payable to:
Virginia Tech Treasurer*).

Please print

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

Street/P.O. _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Are you a woodland owner? Yes _____ No _____
If yes:

Land County _____

Total Acres _____ Wooded Acres _____

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

2020 On-line Woodland Options