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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 2020 participants:

*"This course has sparked my interest in forests and woodlands and I would like to learn more!"*

*"The instructor was always helpful and responded to questions and e-mails."*

*"Since attendance was not a rigid requirement, life events did not knock me out of this course."*

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



# On-line Woodland Options for Landowners



**January 11 - April 2**

**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, January 11 and ends Friday, April 2, 2021.

**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 2021 field trip will be held at the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center in Appomattox when COVID regulations permit.

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

**Please print**

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

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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.\*

**2021 On-line Woodland Options**