

Useful Resources

The 17-year periodical cicadas will be emerging in early May – June in most central Virginia counties. Learn more here: <http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/444/444-276/444-276.html>.

A new mapping tool, InFOREST, has been developed by faculty in the Virginia Tech Department of Forest Resources & Environmental Conservation and partners. InFOREST is a user-friendly mapping program which allows you to create high-resolution maps of your property, as well as calculate the value of the ecosystem services the forest on your land provides.

You can calculate the amount of carbon your trees are storing now, and in the future. You can also determine how land use changes affect much nutrient/sediment runoff at either the watershed or individual property level. And, if your land is in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, you can determine your nutrient offsets for the Virginia Nutrient Trading Program (find out more about this program here: <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Portals/0/DEQ/Water/PollutionDischargeElimination/ExchangeCompliancePlan-2013AnnualUpdate.pdf>).

Access InFOREST here: <http://inforest.frec.vt.edu/>.

I highly recommend downloading the User's Manual to help you get started.