

## **Virginia's New Century Forest Program**

Since 1997, Virginia has had a Century Farm Program. This program honors Virginia families whose property has been in the same family for 100 years or more, lived on or actively farmed by a direct descendant of the original owners, and grosses more than \$2500 annually from the sale of farm products.

In 2016 the General Assembly passed a bill to enact a Century Forest Program that honors Virginia families who have owned and managed forestland for more than 100 years. For a property to be designated a century forest. It must have been in the same family for 100 years or more, include at least 20 contiguous acres of managed forests, be lived on or managed by a descendant of the original owners, and have a documented history of timber harvests or other forest management activities.

If you think your forestland qualifies, application forms should be available from the Virginia Department of Forestry in July.