



Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

March 2016

Upcoming Events

- **March 9, Roanoke**
Roanoke Tree Health Care Workshop
- **March 12, Charles City**
The Woods in Your Backyard
- **March 18-20, Cumberland**
Central VA Landowner Weekend Retreat
- **April 29, Halifax**
Spring Venture Outdoors!
- **April 20-22, Virginia Beach**
Virginia Forestry Summit
- **May 2, On-line**
On-line Woodland Options for Landowners
- **May 5, TBA**
Spring Venture Outdoors!
- **May TBA, Fredericksburg Area TBA**
Cruisin' Through the Woods

Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

Once again, parts of the commonwealth have experienced extreme weather conditions which may have resulted in damage to trees. I've shared these resources before, but in the unfortunate event you need them now, here they are again:

- **Storm Damage Tree Care Tips (Tree Care Industry Association)**
- **Hiring an Arborist (VCE)**
- **Locating a Certified Arborist in VA (Mid-Atlantic Chapter of International Society of Arboriculture)**
- **Information Resources for Tree Owners Recommended by Virginia Tech Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation**

And, as always, please contact me if you need additional assistance.

Gardening is a tradition for me. My mother was a gardener, my grandfather a farmer. So when Amazon just delivered my order of 25,000 seeds of 70 varieties of vegetables, flowers, and herbs, I knew Spring must be right around the corner. It also means I'm not a very bright person, as we are moving to our farm this summer – right during prime gardening time. Amidst packing and cleaning, I won't have much time to tend a garden, and we'll be out of the house as soon as the vegetables start producing. Fortunately, we're selling our current home to a close friend – hopefully he'll be willing to share the bounty!

Of course, Tree Farmers are another type of farmer – and this year the Virginia Tree Farm Committee will be hosting a series of Tree Farmer dinners across the Commonwealth. A brochure with dates and locations will be mailed out to all current Virginia Tree Farmers soon. Not a Tree Farmer? [Find out what it means to be one.](#)

Useful Resources

- **May 21, Alberta**
Spring Venture Outdoors!
- **August 26-28, Wakefield**
SE Landowner Weekend Retreat
- **September 23-25, Abingdon**
SW Landowner Weekend Retreat
- **October, Statewide**
40th Anniversary - Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours
 - **Prince William**
 - **Dinwiddie**
 - **Tazewell/Buchanan**
 - **Middle Peninsula**

Visit the Events Calendar for details!

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Learn about cost-share programs, forest management options, buy seedlings, and find your local forester.

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If you are interested in producing non-timber forest products and woodland medicinals, the Forest Farming Network has a wonderful series of YouTube videos on topics such as shiitake mushroom production, growing ginseng, and beekeeping. Visit the Forest Farming Network here:

- <https://www.youtube.com/user/exforestfarming>

Upcoming Landowner Events

- **Roanoke Tree Health Care Workshop**
 - **Virginia Western Community College**, Roanoke
 - March 9
- **Landowner Weekend Retreats** (please note date changes!)
 - Central Virginia (**registration is open!**)
 - **Bear Creek Lake State Park**, Cumberland
 - March 18-20
 - Southeast Virginia
 - **Airfield Conference Center**, Wakefield
 - August 26-28 (registration open in June)
 - Southwest Virginia
 - **Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center**, Abingdon
 - September 23-25
- **Virginia Forestry Summit**
 - **Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel**, Virginia Beach
 - April 20-22
- **Spring Venture Outdoors!**
 - **April 29, Halifax County Extension Office**, Halifax
 - **May 5, Location TBA**
 - **May 21, Southside Virginia Community College**, Alberta
- **On-line Woodland Options for Landowners**
 - On-line
 - May 2

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- **Cruisin' Through the Woods**
 - May TBA
 - Fredericksburg Area TBA
 - Check the [Calendar of Events](#) in mid-March for details
- **40th Anniversary Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours** – come help us celebrate our 40th anniversary! October dates will be announced early summer.
 - **Prince William County**
 - **Dinwiddie County**
 - **Tazewell and/or Buchanan Counties**
 - **Middle Peninsula**

Visit the [VFLEP Events Calendar](#) for a complete listing of upcoming landowner events.

Real Estate Professionals

Have you handed out all of your Welcome to the Woods! A Guide for New Virginia Woodland Owners books? If so, you can either [share this link to a digital version](#) with your land-buying clients or [request to have print copies](#) sent to you.

Follow the Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program on Twitter ([@VFLEP](#)) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/VFLEP). Due to low participation, I'm putting the trivia contest on hiatus. Stay tuned for details on when it will be resumed.

All the best!

Jennifer

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