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Featured Events

Emerald Ash Borer and Other Tree Pests

- April 6, Bedford

Community Resources for Woodland Owners

- April 8, Kingsport

Virginia Forestry Summit

- Roanoke, May 3-5

Preparing for Generation NEXT Workshop

- Roanoke, May 5
- Radford, Aug. 22 & 29

Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreats

- Abingdon, August 18-20
- Providence Forge, September 22-24

On-line Woodland Options for Landowners

- May 15

Visit the [Events Calendar](#) for details!

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Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

My Hokie-colored tulips have emerged from the ground and I'm looking forward to planting my vegetable in the coming weeks. I've also embarked upon a little invasive species control project – eliminating English ivy from the area around my future herb gardens and greenhouse. Right now, both are full of ivy, as are the adjacent wooded areas. I'll admit, the woods invasion is partially my fault. I started clearing out the area back in November and it wasn't until I threw my second handful of **English ivy** over the fence and into the white pines, that I realized what I was doing. I stopped immediately, but the damage was done.

To get this mess under control, Tuesday evening I went out with a backpack sprayer filled with a gallon of Roundup PROMAX*, a glyphosate-based foliar active herbicide, and applied it to all that was leafed out. I chose a glyphosate-based product because this active ingredient has low soil activity and is less harmful to the roots of nearby desirable trees. I didn't want to use a chemical that remains active in the soil for long, as I want to plant the area this summer.

I'll probably need to go back and reapply to get better control, but I'm waiting to see how effective this one treatment will be. I took some before photos and will take more photos as the ivy dies back. I'll post them on the [VFLEP Facebook](#) page and keep you posted on my success (or lack of) with this project.

In the meantime, the [Spring 2017](#) issue of the Virginia Forest Landowner Update Newsletter is now available. In this issue:

- [New Story \(and Logo Too\)](#)

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Some readers of the *Virginia Forest Landowner Update* are familiar with the Generation NEXT program, as you may be one of the 235 landowners who have participated in the two-day short-course. We hope the other 404,765 family woodland owners in Virginia will consider this topic too, because there is probably nothing more important for the future of Virginia's forest than the future of the families that own two-thirds of it. [Read more...](#)

- **[Spring is in the Air...is Zika in Virginia's Mosquitoes?](#)**

Spring is upon us! Or at least, it has definitely been feeling that way lately. I recently went to a conference for Forest Health Professionals and listened to a talk on mosquitoes and the Zika virus, and this unusually warm weather makes me think that it would be good information to pass along as spring approaches. [Read more...](#)

- **[Gypsy Moth Quarantine Expanded](#)**

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) has expanded the Virginia Gypsy Moth Quarantine (2VAC5-330) to include the county of Wythe. This action became necessary after surveys indicated an increase in gypsy moth populations in Wythe County. Once established, the gypsy moth has the potential to spread to uninfested areas, either through natural means or through the artificial movement of infested articles. [Read more...](#)

- **[In-Tree-Guing Databases](#)**

Many readers of the *Virginia Forest Landowner Update* might recognize me from [the last newsletter](#) as Jennifer's husband, the hunter of stink bugs, who was tottering on the very brink of madness. Stink bug hunting is, of course, a free-time pursuit. In my professional life, I work as a Research Technician for the Virginia Tech

Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation (FREC). While most of my FREC roles are behind the scenes, I am deeply involved with some very public projects that are described below. [Read more...](#)

- [Useful Resources](#)
- [Events Calendar](#)

Upcoming Woodland Owner Events

Emerald Ash Borer and Other Tree Pests – Woodlot Series

- April 6, [Claytor Nature Study Center](#), Bedford

Community Resources for Woodland Owners

- April 8, [Domtar Mill](#), Kingsport, TN
- [On-line registration is open](#)

Pennsylvania Forests Webinar Seminar Series

- April 11 – [Forest Fermentables](#)
- May 9 – [Raising Wild Kids](#)
- June 13 – [Assessing and Promoting Successful Regeneration in Your Woodland](#)

Women and Land Conservation Learning Circles

- [Farmville/Blackstone](#)
 - [Three Tuesdays, April 11, May 9, and June 6](#)
 - [Locations vary by date. See: <https://www.farmland.org/initiatives/mid-atlantic-women-and-the-future-of-farming> for details](#)

Forest Health Webinar Seminar Series

- April 19 – [Southern Pine Beetle](#)
- May 17 – [Weather Variability & Forest Health](#)

2017 Virginia Forestry Summit

- May 3-5, [Hotel Roanoke](#), Roanoke

- There will be a special landowner track Thursday morning, a landowner field trip Thursday afternoon, and a 4-hour Friday morning workshop on how to keep your land intact, in forest, and in the family.

2017 Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreats

- August 18-20, Southwest Virginia, [SW VA 4-H Educational Center](#), Abingdon
- September 22-24, Southeast Virginia, [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge

Preparing for Generation NEXT – dates and locations coming soon!

- May 5th - Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke
- Central Virginia
- Southeast Virginia
- [Selu Conservancy](#), Radford, August 22 & 29

On-line Woodland Options for Landowners

- [On-line registration](#) is open
- Class begins May 15
- [Syllabus](#)

For a full listing of events, visit the [Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program's Events Calendar](#).

Enjoy the spring!

Jennifer

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