



Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

May 2017

Featured Events

Virginia Forestry Summit

- Roanoke, May 3-5

Preparing for Generation NEXT Workshops

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

CPS 8th Annual Vegetation Management Workshop

- Chesterfield, May 11

On-line Woodland Options for Landowners

- May 15

Spring Venture Outdoors

- Alberta, May 16
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North American Agroforestry Conference

- Blacksburg, June 27-29

Teaching Trees

- Charlottesville, July 19-20

Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreats

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

Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

You may recall in my last e-Update I started an English ivy control project. Here's what I can tell you – the Roundup PROMAX* application was a failure. Very little dieback. Instead of trying a different chemical, I'm trying a mechanical approach. First, I hand pulled all of the vines growing in the garden. Then I raked the soil and seeded it very densely with native wildflowers. My hope is that the wildflowers will seed in quickly and thickly and capture the site. It's been two weeks since the seeding and wildflower germination looks...well, I'm not sure. All sorts of little green things are germinating, but it's too soon to tell if they are desirable or not. I'll keep you posted. I realize the English ivy won't give up easily and I'll probably need to remove the vines all summer. But perhaps it will be manageable.

Another project we completed (by we, I mean my husband) was the planting of 300 shortleaf pine seedlings on a hillside. There are already quite a few mature shortleaf on the property and we planted 25 seedlings 4 years ago and they are thriving! Our goal is to create an open pine forest for diversity and wildlife habitat, while restoring a diminished species. You can learn more about shortleaf pine [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#).

You can visit the [VFLEP Facebook page](#) for photos of these projects (tomorrow – I forgot my iPad today).

In the news:

- If you plan on selling timber now or in the future, you need to establish your basis. What is basis? How do you establish it? Learn about [establishing your basis](#) and a [new tool](#) from

Visit the Events Calendar for details!

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University of New Hampshire and Oregon State to help you with the process.

- It's spring time and local garden centers are hopping! Unfortunately, some of them sell exotic invasive species. In fact, I've seen [English ivy](#) and [wisteria](#) for sale at a number of places this year. [Here's a great guide to Mid-Atlantic invasive species](#). If you're not sure, check before you buy.
- 2017 is the 100th Anniversary of the Virginia Department of Forestry's seedling nurseries. Between the two nurseries in Augusta County (hardwoods) and Southampton County (pine) they have grown over 2 billion seedlings! This year along they have produced almost 33 million seedlings. [Learn more about the nurseries and how you can purchase seedlings](#).
- [Events Calendar](#)

Upcoming Woodland Owner Events

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.

Preparing for Generation NEXT

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

CPS 8th Annual Vegetation Management Workshop

- May 11, [Children's Home of the Virginia Baptist](#), Chesterfield
- \$40*

On-line Woodland Options for Landowners

- On-line registration is open
- Class begins May 15
- Syllabus

Pennsylvania Forests Webinar Seminar Series

- May 9 – Raising Wild Kids
- June 13 – Assessing and Promoting Successful Regeneration in Your Woodland

Spring Venture Outdoors Series

- May 16, Southern Virginia Community College, Alberta
- May 18, W.E. Skelton 4-H Center, Wirtz

Forest Health Webinar Seminar Series

- May 17 – Weather Variability & Forest Health

North American Agroforestry Conference

- June 27-29, Inn at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg
- Register on-line

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

For a full listing of events, visit the **Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program's Events Calendar**.


Enjoy the spring!

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