

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

March 2018

Featured Events

Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreat

- **Appomattox**
- **March 16-18**
- **Register on-line**
- **Register by mail**

Taking Woodland Management to New Heights

- **Amherst**
- **March 30**
- **Register on-line**
- **Register by mail**

Backyard Woods Workshops

- **March 20**
- **May 10 & 17,
Potomac Falls**
- **May 12,
Leesburg**
- **Register on-line**
- **Register by mail**

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

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Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

Thanks to all this regular rainfall, our 1-year-old pond is full and the spring peepers are peeping. Spring peepers and a few other species, although which exact ones, I'm not certain. I tried, years ago, to learn frog calls, with some success. But, as with everything else in life, if you don't use it, you most likely will forget it. Now that we have a pond, I am inspired to relearn. The Virginia Herpetological Society has a great website, complete with calls:

http://www.virginiaherpetologicalsociety.com/amphibians/frogsandtoads/frogs_and_toads_of_virginia.htm. Based on my experience with the pond last spring, I should have plenty of time to practice my skills as I lie awake at night, kept away by the incredibly loud frog noises.

And a reminder about this new program from the Virginia Department of Forestry:

Got an Ash? The Virginia Department of Forestry is offering a 50% cost-share program to help landowners and organizations (non-profits, schools, HOAs, municipalities) treat their Ash trees to prevent death by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). To begin the application process, download the PDF describing the process from the Forest Health section here: <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/health/index.htm> and fill out Form 6.5 (<http://www.dof.virginia.gov/forms/index.htm>) with the help of your local forester. Keep an eye out for workshops in May 2018 discussing EAB, treatment options, and the cost-share program. If you know you have an Ash tree and want details about the cost-share program, please contact Meredith Bean (EAB Coordinator) Phone: 434-220-9034 or Email: meredith.bean@dof.virginia.gov.

Upcoming Woodland Owner Events

Virginia Cooperative Extension

Puts university
knowledge into the
hands of people.

Virginia Department of Forestry

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

Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee

The American Tree Farm System

Virginia Forestry Association

Forest Stewardship Program

USDA Forest Service

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We are in the planning phases with our partners at VDOF for the 2018 offerings of [Preparing for Generation NEXT](#). Dates and locations will be announced in the May e-newsletter.

Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreats

New landowners and those new to woodland management, join VDOF and VCE for a weekend of classroom lectures, hands-on activities, and field trips that will help you get started with keeping your woods healthy and productive. On-site lodging is available.

- **Central Virginia**
 - o March 16-18, 2018
 - o [Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center](#), Appomattox
 - o Individual, No Lodging - \$50 Couple, No Lodging - \$90 Individual, Sat. Lodging - \$75 Couple, Sat. Lodging - \$140 Individual, Fri. & Sat. Lodging - \$100
 - o All meals included Saturday and 2 meals included Sunday
 - o [Register On-line](#)
 - o [Register by Mail](#)
- **SW Virginia**
 - o August 17-19, 2018
 - o [SW Virginia 4-H Center](#), Abingdon
 - o Registration opens in June
- **SE Virginia**
 - o September 21-23, 2018
 - o [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge
 - o Registration opens in July

Woods in Your Backyard Workshops

Small lots are a big deal. The vast majority of landowners in Virginia own less than 10 acres. By enhancing wooded areas or creating natural areas on your lot, you can enjoy recreation, aesthetics, wildlife and improved water quality and the air you breathe. Owners of even just a few acres can make a positive difference in their environment through planning and implementing simple stewardship practices learned at this workshop.

- **March 20 (Rain date March 26)**
 - o 9 – 4
 - o [VT-MARE Center](#), Middleburg

**Blacksburg, VA
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- Free – includes lunch
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register [by mail](#)
- **March 24**
 - 8:30 - 4:00
 - [Virginia Public Safety Training Center](#), Hanover
 - \$20/first person; \$10/each additional person - includes lunch
 - [Register On-line](#)
- **May 10 & 17**
 - 6-9:00 p.m.
 - [Cascades Library](#), Potomac Falls
 - Free
 - Register [on-line](#)
 - Register [by mail](#)
- **May 12**
 - 9 - 2
 - [Rust Library](#), Leesburg
 - Free – includes lunch
 - Register [on-line](#)
 - Register [by mail](#)

Taking Woodland Management to New Heights Using Unmanned Aerial Systems

- March 30
- Scott Family Tree Farm, Amherst
- \$15 – includes lunch
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register [by mail](#)

Virginia Forestry Summit

- May 1-4
- Richmond
- [Registration opens in March](#)

Quail Management Workshop

- May 8
- Grace Church Parish Hall, Jarratt
- 8:45 – 3:30
- Free – but please register by April 30th

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

I look forward to working with all of you!

Jennifer

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