

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

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Featured Events

Preparing for Generation NEXT

- Register **on-line**
- August 9-10,
Farmville
 - Register **by mail**
- September 27,
Lebanon
 - Register **by mail**
- September 27-27,
Harrisonburg
 - Register **by mail**
- November 9,
Providence Forge
- December 5-6,
Roanoke
- Registration opens
2 months prior to
programs

Beginning Woodland Owners' Retreat

- September 19-21,
Providence Forge
 - Register **on-line**
 - Register **by mail**

Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

Good morning Forest Landowner e-Update Subscriber,

Hope your summer is going well! Things are hectic here with children moving across town – and across the country, gardening (picked about 20 pounds of blueberries, and lettuce, kale, arugula, peas, bean, and weeds are coming on strong), traveling, and of course, developing landowner programs!

With a long weekend coming up, I suspect many of you are hosting family events on your property. So let me suggest that this may also be a good time to start thinking about the future of your land. Who will inherit it? How will they manage it? How will expenses be paid? If you're wondering how to start this process, consider attending one of our upcoming [Preparing for Generation Next Workshops](#) (see details in Featured Events below). Family participation is strongly encouraged, so consider extending the invitation at your 4th of July get-together.

The [Summer 2019 Edition of the Virginia Forest Landowner Update Newsletter](#) is now available. In this edition:

Avoiding Contract Fraud

By: Aaron Gilland, dendro Resource Management

Most landowners are aware of the benefits of utilizing contractors but can be unaware of some of the pitfalls. If you want more of the benefits and less of the pitfalls, the relationship starts with a solid, well-written contract. A contract written before any activity starts can avoid misunderstandings, disputes, or legal proceedings. A well-structured contract ensures effective communication and understanding of expectations up front. No surprises. [Read more...](#)

- October 11 - Floyd County
- October 17 - Charlotte County
- October 25 – Fredericksburg /Stafford Co.
- Registration opens in August

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

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Editor's Note: In the case study presented in Aaron's article (above), the logger and the timber buyer were brothers. We often get asked what the difference is between a logging contractor and a timber buyer. In some cases, they are the same person. In other cases, they are different people. The logging contractor is the person(s) who will do the actual harvesting of the timber. The buyer may be the logging contractor. But in many cases, the buyer is independent of the logger and works for a mill or some other wood-using entity. JG

You Ain't From Around Here! Exotic Invasive of the Quarter: Don't Get Bamboozled By Bamboo
By: Dr. David Coyle, Clemson University

For many, the word “bamboo” conjures visions of plump panda bears perched on their posteriors amongst a sea of green, happily munching away on bamboo shoots. Unfortunately, to those of us who work in invasive species, that’s not what the word “bamboo” brings to our minds. No, we see massive bamboo patches scattered on the landscape, remnants of home gardens gone wrong or abandoned dwellings. They are a desolate sea of emptiness, devoid of any life other than bamboo. They’ve choked out all the native vegetation, and few animals will venture into a mature bamboo patch. Heck, even the bugs tend to avoid them! [Read more...](#)

[Events Calendar](#)

We hope you'll have time this summer to join us at one or more of our upcoming landowner education events. We have lots of opportunities for you!

Upcoming events

[Beginning Woodland Owners' Retreats](#)

These 1.5 day-long programs cover the basics of woodland and wildlife management – using classroom, field trip, and hands-on presentations. There will also be plenty of time to interact with natural resource professionals to get all your property-specific questions answered.

- September 19-21, [Providence Forge](#)

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- Register [by mail](#)

Preparing for Generation NEXT

Learn how to pass your land and your legacy on to the next generation, while keeping it intact, in family, and in forest.

Two-day Workshops

- August 9-10
 - [Longwood University](#), Farmville
 - Agenda
 - \$60 for up to 2 people from the same family
 - \$30 for each additional family member
 - Register [on-line](#)
 - Register [by mail](#)
- September 27-28
 - [Shenandoah Valley Electric Coop.](#), Harrisonburg
 - Agenda
 - \$70 for up to 2 people from the same family
 - \$35 for each additional family member
 - Register [on-line](#)
 - Register [by mail](#)
- December 5-6
 - [Springhill Suites](#), Roanoke
 - \$70 for up to 2 people from the same family
 - \$35 for each additional family member
 - Registration opens in October

Half-day Workshops

- September 27
 - [Russell County Conference Center](#), Lebanon
 - Agenda
 - \$25 individual
 - \$15 for each additional family member
 - Register [on-line](#)
 - Register [by mail](#)
- November 9

- [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge
- Registration opens in September

2019 Tree Farm Dinner Series

Join Tree Farmers, woodland owners, and natural resources professionals for a half-day tour of a Tree Farm, an opportunity to learn about the Virginia tree Farm Foundation, dinner, and fellowship with others who care about the land.

- September 13-14, Monterey* (Highland County)
- October 8, Mineral (Louisa County)
- Registration opens in late July

2019 Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

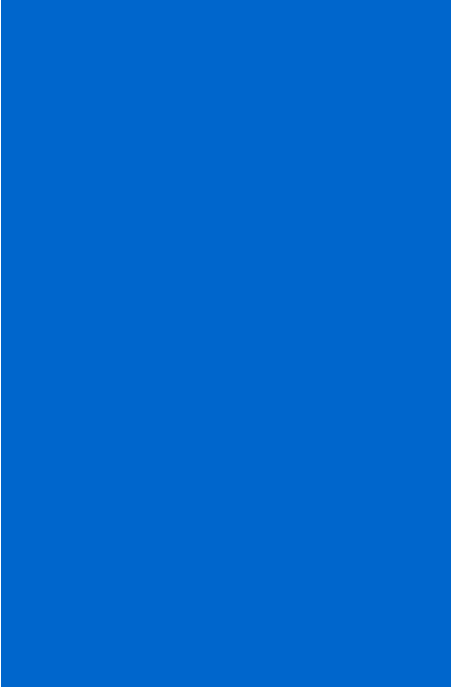
Join Virginia Cooperative Extension and partners for a full-day learning about sustainable woodland & wildlife management practice on private lands. This year, we'll also have an urban forest tour on which you'll learn about using urban wood waste, the importance of urban forests, and management opportunities.

- October 11, Floyd
- October 17, Charlotte
- October 25, Fredericksburg City/Stafford Co.
- Registration will open in August

Our friends with [Blue Ridge PRISM](#) also have a number of invasive species workshops scheduled this summer and fall. Learn how to identify common invasive species and control methods.

- June 5, Boyce
- June 10, Charlottesville
- June 19, Nellysford
- October 9, Charlottesville
- October 29, Nellysford
- November 5, Boyce

All workshops are from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and cost \$25/person. Visit the [Blue Ridge PRISM website](#) to register.



Hope to see you out and about!

Jennifer

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