

# Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

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## Featured Events

### Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

- Join us live at 12:15 on [Facebook](#) or on [ZOOM](#)
- April 2 – Woodland Goal Setting
- April 9 - Silvopasture for Chickens
- April 16 – Chainsaw Safety & Maintenance
- April 23 – Snags in Your Woods
- April 30 – Topographic Features
- May 7 – Hardwood Flooring
- [Watch archived on our YouTube Channel](#)

### Legacy Planning Webinar Series

- Spring Series\*
  - April 7, 8, 14, & 15
  - 3 – 4:30 p.m.
- Fall Series\*

Good morning Forest Update Subscribers,

We recently took a quick trip to Florida and spent a day at [Highlands Hammock State Park](#). When you look past the terrible driving, Florida can be amazingly beautiful. The cypress swamps are stunning, the bird life is incredible, and of course, alligators make everything better! I've posted some photos from our visit on the VFLEP Facebook page. Virginia's State Parks are also wonderful places to visit, now that the weather is warming up (with today being a chilly exception). Check out what's going on at a [Virginia State Park](#) near you.

Recently, I've been getting a lot of calls about carbon programs for owners of small woodlots. As such, I decided to dedicate the [Spring 2021 edition of the Virginia Forest Landowner Update Newsletter](#) to this topic. Spoiler alert: there will be a carbon program available for small woodlot owners in Virginia by 2022. This could be a good source of income for some of you. More details will follow as they become available.

### **In the Spring 2021 edition of the newsletter:**

- [Canceling Out Carbon Emissions](#)  
By Nick Fortuna

Family forest owners have always played a critical role in addressing climate change because the trees on their property gobble up and store carbon emissions, but they could use a helping hand. The Family Forest Carbon Program, a new partnership between the American Forest Foundation and The Nature Conservancy, aims to provide just that, incentivizing landowners to improve the health of their forests and increase carbon sequestration. [Read more...](#)

- [Increasing Access to Carbon Markets](#)  
By The American forest Foundation

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- 3 – 4:30 p.m.
- [Agendas](#)
- All participants will receive a copy of the brand-new *Legacy Planning; A Guide for Virginia Landowners* book
- \*[Register online](#) - \$25/family for each series; \$35/family if you register for both the Spring and Fall Series
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The Family Forest Carbon Program aims to give small, family-owned forests access to carbon markets for the first time. Traditionally, these markets have been inaccessible to these landowners due to high up-front costs, the complex nature of carbon markets, and the duration of projects, which often span about 100 years. [Read more...](#)

- [Resources for Learning More About Carbon Programs](#)
- [Events Calendar](#)

### Featured Programs:

Until we can resume offering in-person programming, we are sticking with virtual. We have a number of educational programs coming up for you this spring/summer:

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- April 9 - Silvopasture for Chickens – Adam Downing
- April 16 – Chainsaw Safety & Maintenance – Jason Fisher
- April 23 – Snags in Your Woods – Neil Clark
- April 30 – Topographic Features – Karen Snape
- May 7 – Hardwood Flooring – Bill Worrell
- [Watch archived on our YouTube Channel](#) (and please subscribe – the 500<sup>th</sup> subscriber will receive a FREE, much coveted, VFLEP hat!)

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options, buy seedlings, and find your local forester.

[Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee](#)

[Virginia Tree Farm Foundation](#)

[Virginia Forestry Association](#)

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- Register by April 7<sup>th</sup> to attend the webinars live; register anytime to view the webinars on demand.

### **Beginning Woodland Owner Retreats**

Join the Virginia Department of Forestry and Virginia Cooperative Extension for these 1.5 day immersive experiences into sustainable woodland and wildlife management. A combination of indoor presentation, hands-on activities, and field trips make these educational and fun. Dates are tentative pending COVID-19 developments. **Please note the Central Virginia Retreat has been rescheduled for October.**

- Southwest Virginia
  - August 27-28
  - [Matthews State Forest](#), Galax
  - Registration opens June
- Southeast Virginia
  - September 23-24
  - [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge
  - Registration opens July
- Central Virginia
  - October 22-23
  - [Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center](#), Appomattox
  - Registration opens in August

### **Upcoming Webinars from our partners**

- April 8, 10:00 - [Optimal Timber Sourcing and Allocation to Reduce Carbon Emission from Electricity Generation in Georgia, US](#)
- April 13, 12:00 & 7:00 - [Backyard Wood Products – Drying Your Own Lumber](#)
- April 14, 1:00 - [Pine Health Issues in the Southeastern US](#)
- April 19, 12:00 - [Beneficial and Pest Insects in Urban Forests: Perspectives and Management](#)
- April 20, 12:00 - [Steps for Success: Caring for Newly Planted Trees](#)
- April 21, 12:00 - [The Forest-Water Interface](#)
- April 22, 12:00 - [Invasive Species Threats and Solutions for Healthy Urban Forests](#)
- May 11, 12:00 & 7:00 - [Regenerating Hardwood Forests: Managing Competition, Deer, and Light](#)
- June 8, 12:00 & 7:00 - [Forest Legacy Planning: Moving Towards the Decision Point](#)

University, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating. Edwin J. Jones, Director, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg; M. Ray McKinnie, Administrator, 1890 Extension Program, Virginia State University, Petersburg.

- Many other topics on demand at the [Forestry Webinar Portal](#)

And if you missed it, the [2021 Woodland Stewards Webinar Series](#) is now available for on demand viewing. Thanks to the 100's of landowners who joined us live for the webinars.

- [Woodland Management by Objectives: Taking Stock & Making Plans](#)
- [The Digital Toolbox for the Woodland Owner: There's an App for That!](#)
- [Safety Tips for Working in Your Woods](#)
- [Getting Started Managing Your Land](#)

All the best,

Jennifer

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