

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

September 2021

Featured Events

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

- Moved to an every-other week schedule!
- Join us live at 12:15 on [Facebook](#) or on [ZOOM](#)
- [Save the Dates Flier](#)
- September 3 – the S-Curve of Forest Carbon
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Legacy Planning Webinar Series

- Fall Series
 - September 8, 9, 15 & 16
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Good morning Forest Update Subscribers,

Sunday night brought an intense thunderstorm to our place; over an inch of rain and a lot of lightening. But nothing devastating. We realized, as we drove to work Monday morning, that we were very lucky. Less than 1 mile from us, the storm had been fierce. The flooding along our road was worse than we have ever seen it. In fact, a giant culvert, that served as a driveway for one of our neighbors, had washed 100' downstream. Other culverts were clogged with 10" diameter logs that had washed down the mountain. The road was covered in 6" of mud in places. The strength of nature was on full display. And I realize that is nothing in comparison to what a storm like Ida can do. Our thoughts are with those affected along the Gulf Coast.

On a brighter note, we just finished up with the [2021 Beginning Woodland Owner Retreat in Galax](#). Nothing beats spending time with woodland owners who love their land and want to make a positive difference. We toured the Matthews State Forest, learned how to identify, measure, and value trees, and much more. If you missed it, we have two more [Retreats](#) coming up this fall – see below for details.

And speaking of educational events, the [Virginia Forestry Summit](#) is happening soon - in person. This multi-day event is for foresters, loggers, and landowners. And will end with a landowner program that will teach you how to cruise timber. See the event schedule and register here: <https://www.forestrysummit.com/>

One quickly developing topic that has come up this year is carbon markets for owners of smaller woodlots. [The Family Forest Carbon Program](#), which should be available in Virginia in 2022, was featured in the [Spring issue of the Virginia Forest Landowner Update](#). But there are other programs currently available in Virginia. Our friends at

Field Trip for Online Woodland Options Participants

- Nov. [James Madison's Montpelier](#)
- e-mail jgagnon@vt.edu to register (previous & current OWO participants only please)

Virginia Forestry Summit

- September 28 - October 2
- Hotel Madison, Harrisonburg
- [Program details and registration](#)

Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

- Oct. 14 - Cumberland County
- Oct. 19 – Sussex County
- Oct. 27 – Botetourt/Rockbridge Counties
- [Register online](#)
- [Register by mail](#)

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North Carolina State University have put together a nice comparison of the program available: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/current-forest-carbon-markets-at-a-glance>. I'll keep you posted as these markets continue to evolve. And if you're interested in learning why carbon markets for forests even exist, join VCE's Neil Clark on September 3rd for his Fifteen Minutes in the Forest video on the biology behind carbon markets.

See the [Events Calendar](#) for all upcoming programs.

Featured Programs:

Registrants who provide a current e-mail address will receive a confirmation e-mail one week prior to the program occurring.

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Field Trip for Online Woodland Options Participants

We are happy to finally be able to offer a hands-on, in-person capstone field trip for participants in the Online Woodland Options for Landowners classes. Registration is free – but you must be a current or past Online Woodland Options student. Topics will include tree identification, measuring and valuing trees, and a tour of active woodland management practices.

- November - [James Madison's Montpelier](#) (Saturday date!)
- e-mail jgagnon@vt.edu to register

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[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.

- Southeast Virginia
 - September 23-24
 - [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge
 - [Register online](#)
 - [Register by mail](#)
 - [Agenda](#)

Central Virginia

- October 22-23
- [Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center](#), Appomattox
- [Register online](#)
- [Register by mail](#)
- [Agenda](#)

[Spotted Lanternfly Training Course for Christmas Tree Growers](#)

Are you a current Christmas tree grower want want to learn how to protect your valuable crop from the spotted lanternfly? Then this course is for you.

- September 10
- 9 – 12:00
- MidAtlantic Farm Credit, Winchester
- Free
- [Agenda](#)
- Contact Kyle Peer to register, krpeer@vt.edu, 276-694-4135

[New Christmas Tree Growers Meeting](#)

Are you interested in growing Christmas trees? Learn how to get started with this hands-on workshop.

- September 11
- 8:45 - 1:00
- Valley Star Farm, Luray
- \$15 (includes lunch)
- [Register by mail by September 7th](#)

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- October 27 - Botetourt/Rockbridge Counties
- \$25/person; \$40/couple
- [Register online](#)
- [Tour details and mail-in registration](#)

Upcoming Webinars from our colleagues:

- September 15, 12:00 - [Woodland Wildlife Wednesday Webinar: Ecology and Management of the Wood Duck](#)
- Many other topics on demand at the [Forestry Webinar Portal](#)

All the best,

Jennifer

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