

# Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

December 2022

## Featured Events

### [Fireside Chat with Virginia Tech's Forestry Extension Team](#)

- Dec. 2
- 12:15 – 12:45
- Free
- [ZOOM](#)

### [Fifteen Minutes in the Forest](#)

- [Save the date flier](#)
- Join us live every other Friday at 12:15 on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube Premier](#)

### [Woods & Wildlife Conferences](#)

- Feb. 11, Wytheville
- Feb. 25, Culpeper
- Agendas and registration available in January

### [Forest Health Professionals Conference](#)

- Feb. 13-14
- Blacksburg

Good morning Forest Update Subscribers,

Hard to believe we are at the end of 2022. I've always heard time seems to go by faster as you get older, but I was not prepared for it to move quite this fast!

It has been a great year. We've offered 41 landowner education programs, with over 12,000 participants, who own over 790,000 acres. A heartfelt thank you to all the landowners, natural resource professionals, and sponsors who have been involved. We would not be successful without all of you.

In 2023 we will be debuting a newly redesigned [Virginia Forest Landowner Update newsletter](#), starting a new season of [Fifteen Minutes in the Forest](#), hosting an [Introduction to Forest Carbon Markets Conference](#), offering two in-person [Woods & Wildlife Conferences](#), and so much more! As always, we welcome any programming ideas you may have.

All of us on the Forestry Extension Team hope you can get out and enjoy your land with your friends and family this holiday season. And we look forward to working with all of you next year.

## Upcoming Landowner Education Programs

Check out the [Events Calendar](#) for a complete listing.

### [Fireside Chat with Virginia Tech's Forestry Extension Team](#)

Stop by this open-house style program to ask the Team any of your forestry-related questions. Hot cocoa and cookies are welcome!

- Friday, December 2
- 12:15 – 12:45
- [ZOOM](#)
- Free

- Registration available in January

### **Introduction to Forest Carbon Markets**

- March 3
- Chester and Virtual
- Agenda and registration available in January

### **Virginia Forestry Summit**

- April 26-28
- Williamsburg

### **Landowner Retreats**

Central

- March 24-25
- Appomattox

Southwest

- May 19-20
- Galax

Southeast – Advanced!

- September 8-9
- Providence Forge

Agendas and registration available 6 weeks prior to Retreats.

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

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### **Fifteen Minutes in the Forest**

This program was recently featured on Virginia Water Radio! [Listen here.](#)

- Fifteen Minutes in the Forest videos are shown every other Friday.
- Join us live at 12:15 on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube Premier](#)
- Jan. 6 – So You Bought Some Land
- Jan. 20 – Charcoal Furnaces & Iron Ore
- Feb. 3 – Boundary Lines
- Feb. 17 – Growing Pecan Trees
- March 3 – Forest Microhabitats
- [Watch archived on our YouTube Channel](#)

### **Landowner Woods & Wildlife Conferences**

Over 10 million acres of Virginia's woods are privately owned. The Woods & Wildlife Conferences provide information, tools, and personal contacts to help private woodland owners keep their woods, and the wildlife that live in them, healthy and productive. A wide variety of topics are offered to appeal to owners of both small and large tracts, and both new and experienced owners.

- Feb. 11
  - [Wytheville Meeting Center](#), Wytheville
- Feb. 25
  - [Daniel Technology Center](#), Culpeper
- Agendas and registration available in January

### **Forest Health Professionals Conference**

Learn about emerging threats to forest health.

- February 13-14
- Blacksburg
- Agenda and registration available in January

### **Introduction to Forest Carbon Markets**

Forest carbon markets are expanding rapidly in the commonwealth. If you are a forester, landowner, county leader, or just interested in the topic, this Introduction to Forest Carbon Markets Conference may be for you. At this conference, you will: Learn how forest carbon markets work; Hear about opportunities for private woodland owners to participate; Be introduced to a decision-making tool that will help determine which, if any, carbon programs are suitable for your land and

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management goals; Hear from woodland owner with experience participating in carbon markets.

- March 3, 2023
- [Brightpoint Community College](#), Chester
- A virtual option will also be available
- Agenda and registration available in January

## [Landowner Retreats](#)

Developed for those new to actively managing their woods, the Retreats combine classroom, field trip, and hands-on activities to teach concepts of sustainable woodland management.

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- Appomattox

Southwest

- May 19-20
- Galax

Southeast – Advanced!

- September 8-9
- Providence Forge

Agendas and registration available 6 weeks prior to Retreats

Join natural resources professionals and landowners for this annual education event.

- April 26-28
- [Williamsburg Lodge](#), Williamsburg
- Agenda and registration available in February

## Upcoming Events from our Partners

### [Penn State Extension: The Woods in Your Backyard Webinar Series](#)

Most landowners have small woodlots less than 10 acres in size. **Woods in Your Backyard Series** is designed specifically, but not exclusively, for smaller landscapes. This series will teach you how landowners can positively influence the environment by implementing simple stewardship practices.

- January 11-March 8
- \$50
- [Register online](#)

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Happy holidays to all!

Jennifer

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