

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

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Featured Events

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

- July 8 – Hardwood Flooring
- Summer Break
- Aug. 26 – Home Improvement Store Tour
- Join us live every other Friday at 12:15 on [Facebook](#) or on [ZOOM](#)
- [Watch archived on our YouTube Channel](#)

2022 Woodland Owner Retreats

- September 9-10
- [New Kent Conference Center](#), Providence Forge
- Register [online](#)
- Register [by mail](#)

2022 Legacy Planning

- Central Virginia
 - August 26 & 27
 - South Boston
 - Register [online](#)

Good morning Forest Update Subscribers,

I hope everyone's summer is going well!

We've always been avid whitewater kayakers (and by whitewater, I mean strictly class 1-3 rapids). Yet, when we were searching for land, we never dreamt of finding a property with water frontage. But, somehow, we ended up with about 200 feet of frontage on the Little River. And we quickly learned, this was by far the most enjoyable part of our property. Over the years, we've acquired quite the fleet of kayaks, life jackets, paddles, and even a canoe. Paddling with friends and family has become our favorite summertime social activity.

Kayaking is also a great way to introduce our granddaughters to nature. Deer, ducks, herons, kingfishers, minks, and frogs all make regular appearances. And it's always fun to look under rocks for [benthic macroinvertebrates](#). We hope these river trips help them develop a relationship with our land and an appreciation for what can be theirs one day.

If you want to learn more about helping your heirs develop an interest in your land, join us for one of our upcoming [Legacy Planning](#) programs this summer/fall (see below for full schedule). We have a variety of dates and locations to choose from.

In the meantime, if you are looking for a way to beat the heat this summer, sit back and relax and enjoy the Summer 2022 Edition of the Virginia Forest Landowner Update.

In this edition:

[Virginia's Future Hardwood Forests: Improvement Through Intentional Management](#)

By: Joe Rossetti, Virginia Department of Forestry

- Register [by mail](#)
- Southwest
 - Oct. 27
 - All day
 - Galax
- Southeast
 - November 2
 - 6-9:00 p.m.
 - Providence Forge
- Virtual
 - Sept. 8, 9, 14, & 15
 - Registration opens in July

Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

- Oct. 7 - Powhatan
- Oct. TBA - Smyth
- Oct. 28 - Louisa
- Registration opens in August

Registration opens 6 weeks prior to event.

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

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Virginia's forests face many challenges, as described by Dr. Carter in the Spring edition of the Virginia Forest Landowner Update Newsletter

(<https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu/newsletter/archives.html>).

However, a quick review of their history gives us hope.

Virginia's forests have faced many challenges in the past and fortunately, they have shown much resilience. [Read more...](#)

You Ain't from Around Here! Nonnative Invasive of the Quarter: Winged Euonymus (*Euonymus alatus*)

By: Jennifer Gagnon, Virginia Tech

Orange and maroon are not only the colors of Virginia Tech and the Hokies, but also the dominant colors of fall in SW Virginia. And it just so happens, I love orange and maroon, the Hokies, and fall. They go together well. And the folks in charge of landscaping at Virginia Tech have made a concerted effort to landscape with species that are orange and/or maroon in the fall – particularly around Lane Stadium. [Read more...](#)

Events Calendar

We have a number of landowner education programs coming up. Check out the [Calendar of Events](#) for a complete listing. Below are some featured events.

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

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- July 8 – How Hardwood Flooring for your Home is Made
- Summer Break
- Aug. 26 – A Tour of a Home Improvement Store's Building Materials Aisle
- Sept. 9 – Healthy Hunting
- Sept. 23 – Digital Mapping
- Oct. 7 – Silvo-poultry Update
- Oct. 21 – Golden-winged Warbler
- Nov. 4 – Fall Colors
- [Watch archived on our YouTube Channel](#)

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[2022 Woodland Owner Retreats](#)

Our Retreats are hosted by the Virginia Department of Forestry and Virginia Cooperative Extension. They are geared towards landowners who are new to forest management, provide information on both hardwood and pine forests, offer chances for interaction with natural resource professionals from various agencies in Virginia, as well as with other landowners, provide information on estate planning, management planning and certification, and provide hands-on experience with tree identification, forestry equipment, and more.

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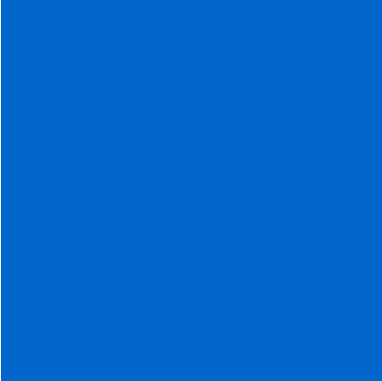
[2022 Legacy Planning](#)

Join the Generation NEXT Team and experienced conservation, legal, and financial advisors to learn how to pass your land on to the next generation while keeping it intact, in forest, and in family. Registration opens 6 weeks prior to each event.

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All the best,

Jennifer



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