

Virginia Forest Landowner Update

February 2023

Featured Events

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

- Join us live every other Friday at 12:15 on [Facebook](#) Or [YouTube Premier](#)

Woods & Wildlife Conferences

- Feb. 11, Wytheville
- Feb. 25, Culpeper
- [Register online](#)
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Forest Health Professionals Conference

- Feb. 13-14
- Blacksburg
- [Register online](#)

Introduction to Forest Carbon Markets

- March 3
- Chester and Virtual
- [Agenda](#)
- [Register online](#)

Woodland Stewards Webinar Series

Virginia Forestry Summit

- April 26-28
- Williamsburg

Landowner Retreats

Central - Beginner

- March 24-25
- Appomattox
- [Agenda](#)
- [Register online](#)

Good Morning Forest Update Subscribers,

Many of us have a natural affinity for trees. We become emotionally attached to them. Back in the fall of 2017, [I wrote an article about the fourth largest Norway maple in Virginia](#) that was growing in my front yard and the difficult decision we made to cut it down. Since that time, the declining tree has been replaced with a white oak sapling.

With the Norway maple gone, we have a perfect view of another beautiful (albeit not native to Montgomery County) tree that now dominates the yard. A Shumard oak planted by the previous owner. Now, as far as nonnatives go, Shumard oak doesn't act invasive - in fact, it is native in other parts of Virginia. And let me tell you, ours is a showstopper. The 60-foot-tall tree has a conical crown, dense green foliage, and is a veritable rainbow of colors in the fall. An added feature is that it is far enough from our house, we don't worry about branches falling on our roof.

Do you have a favorite yard tree? If so, head over to the VFLEP's Facebook page and share a photo (and a story if you have one). I'll post some fall photos of my Shumard oak on there.

Of course, everyone with an affinity for trees (and wildlife and outdoors) is encouraged to attend one of our upcoming landowner education programs.

Also, I am looking for a landowner who explored the possibility of signing up with a carbon program and decided not to. If this sounds like you and you would like to share your experiences with other landowners, please e-mail me jgagnon@vt.edu to discuss.

You can find a full listing of events here: [Events Calendar](#)

Featured Events

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

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- Feb. 3 - Boundary Lines
- Feb. 17 - Growing Pecan Trees
- March 3 - Forest Microhabitats
- March 17 - Virginia's Smallest Carnivore
- March 31 - Open mic - ask us anything

- Southwest - Beginner
 - May 19-20
 - Galax
- Southeast - Advanced
 - September 8-9
 - Providence Forge

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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
 - [Agenda](#)
 - **Deadline is 4 pm Thursday February 2**
- Feb. 25
 - [Daniel Technology Center](#), Culpeper
 - [Agenda](#)
 - **Deadline is 5 pm Friday February 10**
- \$55/person; \$90/couple (includes breakfast and lunch)
- [Register online](#)
- [Become a sponsor](#)

Forest Health Professionals Conference

Learn about emerging threats to forest health.

- February 13-14
- Blacksburg
- [Agenda](#)
- [Register online](#)

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

- March 3, 2023
- [Brightpoint Community College](#), Chester
- [Agenda](#)
- \$55/person; \$90/couple (includes breakfast and lunch)
- \$50/household virtual option
- Approved for 5 Category 1 SAF CFE credits
- [Register online](#)

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- **Deadline is February 17th**

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.

Central

- March 24-25
- Appomattox
- Individual, No Lodging - \$65
- Couple, No Lodging - \$110
- Individual, Thurs. & Fri. Lodging - \$105
- Couple, Thurs. & Fri. Lodging - \$190
- [Agenda](#)
- [Register online](#)

Southwest

- May 19-20
- Galax

Southeast - Advanced

- September 8-9
- Providence Forge

Agendas and registration available 8 weeks prior to Retreats

Virginia Forestry Summit

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

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

Big Tree Hunting Landowner/Natural Resources Professional Workshop

- April 26
- 8 - 12:30
- [Williamsburg Lodge](#), Williamsburg
- More details in March

All the best,

Jennifer

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