

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

September 2023

Featured Events

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

- 12:15 every other Friday
- New videos return TODAY September 1
- Watch new & archived videos on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube Premier](#)

New Christmas Tree Grower Workshop

- September 9

VA Tree Farm Foundation TF Tours

- September 15- Halifax
- October 6 - Bland*
- October 11 - Essex and King & Queen*

*These tours will be combined with the Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

Advanced Landowner Retreat

- September 8 & 9 - Providence Forge

Generation NEXT Legacy Planning

- September 16 - Charlottesville
- October 20 & 21 - Chatham
- November 9 - Richmond

Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

- October 6 - Bland*
- October 11 - Essex and King & Queen*
- October 12 - Mecklenburg
- October 20 - Warren

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



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Good Morning Forest Update Subscribers,

Fall is here which means the end of high heat and humidity (yippee!!!) and a hiatus from my second full-time job - vegetable management. Between planting, weeding, harvesting, and preserving, it seems I'm busy every waking moment from May through August. This makes the summers go by in the blink of an eye. But all the work will be worth it when, come the cold dark days of January, I pull out a quart of canned tomatoes and make sauce that tastes as fresh as the summer.

We did manage to take a few breaks. In August, we took a trip to western New York and the Adirondacks. We were shocked to see all the damage done by the emerald ash borer. Acre upon acre of dead ash line the highways. And what's coming in underneath? [White willow](#) and/or [phragmites](#), both nonnative invasives. We also saw a most impressive [Japanese knotweed](#) infestation. I've posted photos on the [VFLEP Facebook page](#). Perhaps photographing nonnative invasives is not the preferred activity of all vacationers, but we found it fascinating!

This fall we have a number of educational events planned. See below for featured events and find a full listing here: [Events Calendar](#).

Featured Events

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

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- TODAY Sept. 1 - Forestry and Forest Management Myths
- Sept. 15 - Forest Roads & Driveways (Episode 100!)
- Sept. 29 - The White Oak Family
- Oct. 13 - Chiggers - Mites that Bite
- Oct. 27 - Virginia's Hardwood Initiative
- Nov. 10 - Hellbender Habitat Restoration
- [Watch archived on our YouTube Channel](#)

New Christmas Tree Grower Workshop

Kyle Peer, Superintendent - Reynolds Homestead Forest Resources Research Center, and Ryan Clouse, grower of Clouse's Pine Hill Farm, will discuss getting started with Christmas tree production.

- September 9
- 8:45 - 12:30
- Winchester
- \$15/person; \$25/couple
- [Register by mail](#)

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[Virginia Tree Farm Foundation Tree Farm Tours](#)

The Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program partners with the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation to offer an annual series of Tree Farm tours. These tours bring woodland owners together to visit an active Tree Farm, learn about the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation, and provide fellowship among those who care about healthy woods and active woodland management. You do not need to be a Tree Farmer to attend.

- September 15 - Huber Engineered Woods, South Boston
 - \$15/person, \$30/couple
 - Register [online](#)
- October 6 - Bland County*
 - \$25/person, \$45/couple
 - Register [online](#)
 - Register [by mail](#)
- October 11 - Essex County*
 - \$25/person, \$45/couple
 - Register [online](#)
 - Register [by mail](#)

*These tours will be held in conjunction with the Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

[Generation NEXT Legacy Planning Workshops](#)

Learn how to pass your land and your legacy on to the next generation while keeping it intact, in forest, and in family ownership.

- Charlottesville
 - September 16
 - All-day
 - \$80 for up to 2 people
 - [Agenda](#)
- Chatham
 - October 20-21
 - Friday evening and all-day Saturday
 - \$90 for up to 2 people
 - [Agenda](#)
- Richmond
 - November 9
 - 6 - 9:00 PM
 - \$40 for up to 2 people
 - Agenda and online registration available in September
- Register [by mail](#)
- Register [online](#)

[Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours](#)

Join landowners, natural resource professionals, and other outdoor lovers for day-long tours that explore a variety of sustainable forestry and wildlife management practices. Tours visit private, public, and industry-owned lands. Past

tours have visited seedling nurseries, timber harvesting operations, sawmills, elk habitat, Christmas tree farms, and more.

- October 6 - Bland County*
- October 11 - Essex County*
- October 12 - Mecklenburg County
- October 20 - Warren County
- [Itineraries and register by mail](#)
- Register [online](#)

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*All the best,
Jennifer*

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