



Sources of Assistance

Help for Virginia Woodland Owners



Virginia Cooperative Extension

- Provide education/training
- Local offices
- Statewide programs
 - Virginia Forest Landowner Education
 - Virginia Master Naturalist
 - SHARP Logger



<https://ext.vt.edu>

VFLEP: <https://ForestUpdate.frec.vt.edu/>

Virginia Department of Forestry

<https://dof.virginia.gov>



- On-the ground assistance
 - Property evaluation
 - Management planning
 - Insect & disease identification
 - Site preparation and tree planting
 - Prescribed burning
- Cost-share program administration
- Seedling nurseries
- Office of Working Lands (conservation)
- Wildfire education & control
- Silvicultural water quality law enforcement



Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

- Hunting/Fishing regulations/licenses
- Boating safety
- Wildlife management/planning
- Education/training
 - Wildlife information
 - Hunting/fishing programs
- Threatened & endangered animals



<https://dwr.virginia.gov>



Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

- Helps farmers locate markets for products
- Agri-tourism
- Invasive plants and insects
- Regulatory services



www.vdacs.virginia.gov



USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

- Create, maintain and improve wildlife habitat
- Administer cost-share programs
- Provide on-the ground assistance to landowners
- Promote active sustainable agriculture
- Protect soils and water
- Host the Web Soil Survey

www.nrcs.usda.gov

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>



Natural Resources Conservation Service

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Soil & Water Conservation Districts

- Virginia Agricultural BMP Cost-Share Program
- Assist counties with delivery of Erosion & Sedimentation ordinances
- Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and Virginia's Agricultural Stewardship Act
- Technical expertise
- Educational programs
- Conservation landscaping in CBA districts
- Issues of local importance



<https://vaswcd.org>



Virginia Forestry Association

- Represent forestry interests to government
- *Virginia Forests* magazine
- Annual Forestry Summit
- Support the Sustainable Forestry Initiative
- Support the Virginia Tree Farm Program.
- Support Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation



www.vaforestry.org

Private Consulting Foresters

- Write forest management plans
- Estimate the value of timber
- Administer timber sales
 - Marking timber
 - Drawing up a timber sale contract
 - Selecting a timber buyer
 - Monitoring the harvest
- Arrange for other professionals, such as tree planting contractors
- Conduct prescribed fires or management activities



Finding a Consulting Forester

- Association of Consulting Foresters
 - www.acf-foresters.org
- Society of American Foresters
 - www.safnet.org
- Consulting Forester List
 - <https://dof.virginia.gov/forest-management-health/landowner-assistance/find-a-forester/find-a-private-consulting-forester/>



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