

Working with Your Area Forester, Forest Management Planning, Goals & Objectives

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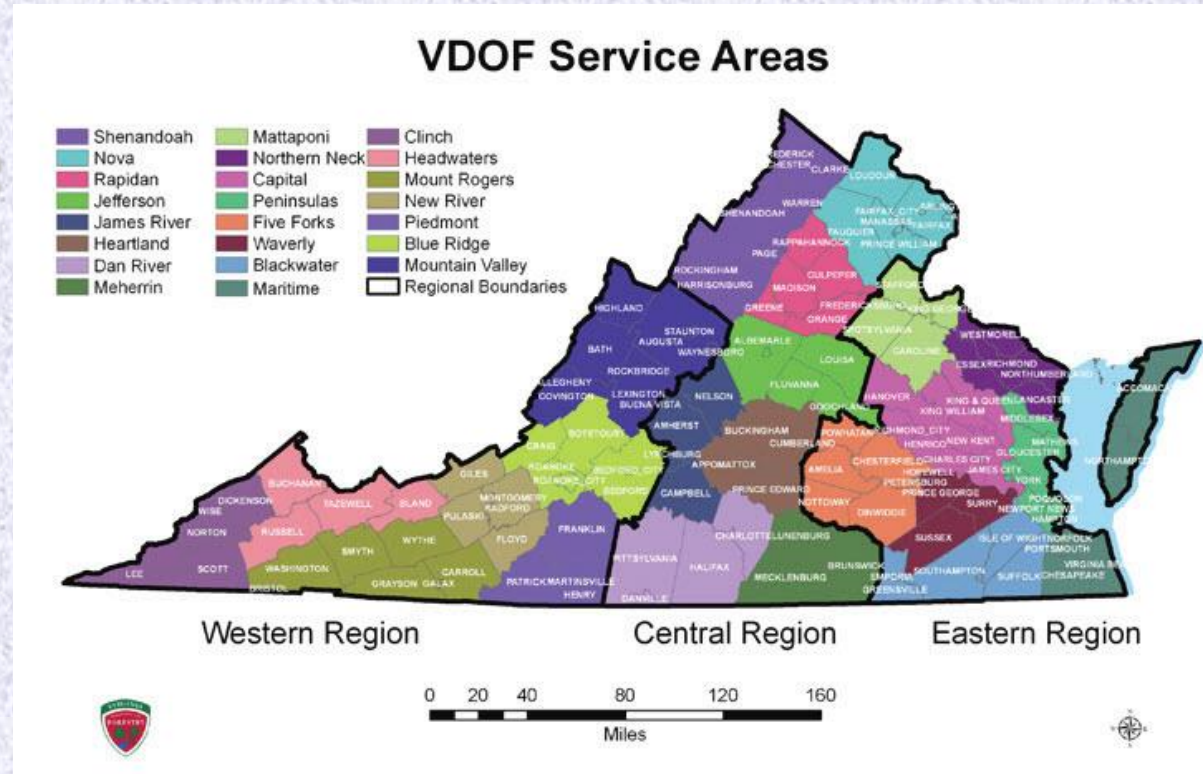
Department of Forestry- Who We Are

- State agency charged with forest conservation and protection duties
- Work with private citizens, local government, and non-government organizations



Where We Are, How to Contact

- DOF Staff can be found statewide
- Contact us in a variety of ways:
Website
E-mail
Telephone



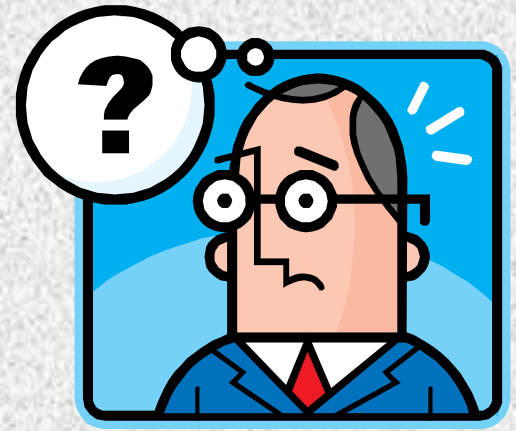
- www.dof.virginia.gov
- 1-434-977-6555

Services Offered

- Assistance with cost-sharing
- Harvest Inspections
- Prepare a variety of written plans/advice
 - Stewardship Plan
 - Stand Plan
 - Land Use Tax Plan
 - Pre-Harvest Plan



How Do I Begin?



- You need to have a clear idea of your goals and objectives.
- You can focus on one goal or twenty, based on what **you** want.
- If your goals are unrealistic, then it is time to re-evaluate.
- Usually, professional advice can help you with this process.

Some Additional Points

- Factors outside your control also affect your goals and objectives:
 - Site conditions/limitations
 - Forest history
 - Markets and contractors
- You may not be able to realize all your goals and objectives, so be prepared for this.

Considering Objectives

- Objectives span a wide range
- Owners may focus on a single objective or try to emphasize several objectives
- Some examples include:
 - Wildlife Habitat
 - Soil Conservation
 - Income Production
 - Visual Quality/Aesthetics



Information Needed From the Landowner

- How does the landowner rank their most important objectives?
- How does the landowner rank their interest in managing specific attributes under an objective?



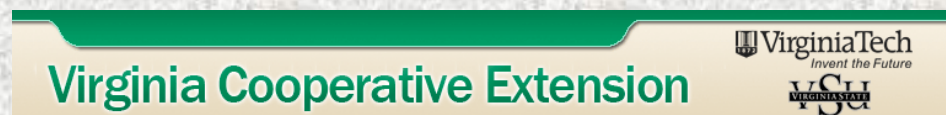
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- What are the outputs desired?
- How will specific objectives be evaluated?
- What is the landowner's time frame for results?
- Are the landowner's financial expectations consistent with anticipated results?



What Next?

- Once you have your goals in mind- develop a plan.
- Management plan is a “blueprint” to follow.
- Plan should be tailored to your needs and desires.
- Assistance is available from several sources:
 - Private Organizations/Businesses
 - Landowner Associations
 - Local, State and Federal Government



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Forest Stewardship Management Plans

- Plans identify and describe actions to protect, manage, maintain and enhance relevant resources (timber, aesthetics, soils, water, fish and wildlife) in a manner compatible with landowners objectives



Components of a FSMP

- Management Objectives
- Baseline Conditions
- Management Recommendations
- Supplemental Information



Water Quality- Pre Harvest Plans



- DOF Staff can prepare pre-harvest plans to aid in protecting water quality
- Written plan and map can be prepared to address necessary BMP measures for a harvest.
- Emphasis will be placed on
 - *Streamside Management Zones
 - *Stream Crossings
 - *Road and Trail Locations and Stabilization

Other Plans- Stand, Land Use, Etc.

- Stand plan is precise and specific to a particular portion of a parcel.
- Land-use tax plan is tailored to enrollment in land-use taxation program at the local level.
- Often, are not as comprehensive as a Forest Stewardship Plan.

Cost-Share Assistance

- Several options to consider, depending on goals and other considerations.
 - Reforestation of Timberlands (RT)
 - Southern Pine Bark Beetle Prevention Program
 - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)



Other Services



- DOF operates two nurseries, growing plant material for conservation needs.
- Genetic breeding/tree improvement producing stock for many purposes.
- Lists of contractors and professionals who can perform conservation work.

Questions



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