



Working with your Area Forester- Forest Management Planning, Goals & Objectives

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DOF- Who We Are, Where to Find Us

- State agency charged with protecting and conserving forests
- We work with private citizens, local governments, non-government organizations, and more
- We can be found statewide, variety of ways to reach us



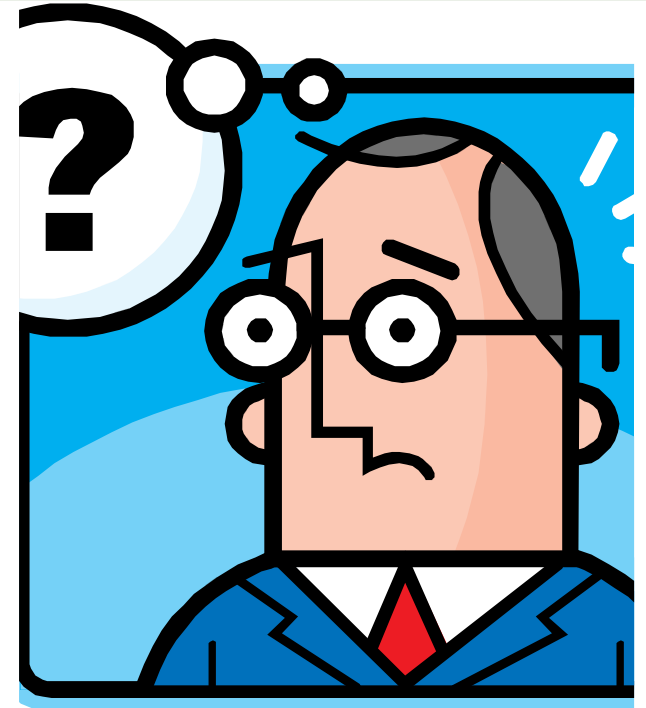
Services We Offer



- Harvest Inspections
- Financial Assistance
- Technical Advice/Management Plans
 - Forest Stewardship Plan
 - Stand Plan
 - Pre-Harvest Plan
 - Land-Use/Ag-Forestal Plan

Where to Begin?

- Have a clear idea of your goals
- Focus on a few, or many goals, based on what you want
- Professional advice can be very helpful in this process
- Not all goals will be realistic or achievable





Considering Your Objectives



- Objectives are the detailed steps, associated with a recommended timeline, to reach your goals
- Some examples include
 - Wildlife- Habitat improvement with controlled burning
 - Forest Health- Thinning to improve vigor
 - Financial- Conduct harvest for revenue



Information Exchange



- What is your ranking of goals, from most to least important?
- How do you rank specific objectives under each goal?
- What outputs do you desire?





What Next?

- Once goals are set, develop the plan
- A plan should be tailored to your needs and desires
- Assistance is available from several sources
 - Private entities/businesses
 - Landowner associations
 - Local, State, Federal agencies
 - NGO's



Management Plan Choices

- Forest Stewardship Plan
- Pre-Harvest Plan
- Stand Plan
- Land-Use/Ag-Forestal District Plan



Financial Assistance Programs- State Administered

- Several programs administered by Virginia Department of Forestry
 - Reforestation of Timberlands (RT)
 - Hardwood Cost Share (HCS)
 - Growing and Protecting Forests (GAP)
 - Southern Pine Bark Beetle Prevention Program (SPBB)
 - Trees for Clean Water (TFCW)
- Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation administers one program
 - Virginia Agricultural Cost-share Program (VACS)





Financial Assistance Programs- Federal

- Primary sources of funding come from the U.S. Department of Agriculture- Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - Environmental Quality Improvement Program (EQIP)
 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- Several other programs available, depending on location and specific need



Other Services



- Virginia DOF operates 2 seedling nurseries, growing plant material for conservation needs
- DOF Tree Improvement & Breeding Program focused on several species



Questions?

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