

Resources for New Woodland Owners



Goals

- <https://tinyurl.com/GoalandObjectiveSetting>

Get to Know Your Land

- **Mapping**
 - Digital mapping for Forest Landowners
 - <https://tinyurl.com/MappingYourLand>
 - County Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
 - <https://www.gismaps.org/virginia/>
 - Google Earth
 - <https://earth.google.com>
 - How to use Google Earth tutorial
 - https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu/content/dam/forestupdate_frec_vt_edu/landownerprograms/shortcourses/online/UsingGoogleEarthPro.pdf
 - WebSoilSurvey
 - <https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov>
 - How to use WebSoilSurvey Tutorial
 - https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu/content/dam/forestupdate_frec_vt_edu/landownerprograms/shortcourses/online/UsingtheWebSoilSurvey.pdf
- **Boundary Lines**
 - Timber Theft in Virginia
 - <https://tinyurl.com/VATimberTheft>
 - Maintaining Forest Property Lines
 - <https://tinyurl.com/PABoundaryLines>

Financial Considerations

- Property Taxes
 - Land Use-Value Assessment Program
 - <https://luva.aaec.vt.edu/>
 - Ag & Forestal Districts
 - <https://tinyurl.com/VAAGForestalDistricts>
 - Conservation Easements
 - <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/land-conservation/protect-land>

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- Basis
 - National Timber Tax Website
 - <https://www.timbertax.org/getstarted/basis/>

Safety

- Ticks
 - Old Dominion University Tick Team
 - <https://tinyurl.com/ODUTickTeam>
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html>
 - Tick-Borne Illnesses in Virginia
 - <https://tinyurl.com/VATickBornellnesses>
- Snakes
 - <http://www.virginiaherpetologicalsociety.com>
- The Socrates Project – Poisonous Plants in Virginia
 - <https://med.virginia.edu/brpc/the-learning-center/the-socrates-project>
- The Cleopatra Project – Poisonous and Venomous Animals in Virginia
 - <https://med.virginia.edu/brpc/the-learning-center/the-cleopatra-project/>

Explore!

- Virginia Tech Dendrology
 - <https://dendro.cnre.vt.edu>
- Tree and Shrub Identification
 - <https://tinyurl.com/VATreeID>
- Virginia Native Plant Guide
 - <https://vnps.org/virginia-native-plant-guides/>

Get Help

- Find a Forester
 - <https://dof.virginia.gov/>
- Find a Wildlife Biologist
 - <https://dwr.virginia.gov/quail/get-involved/private-land-biologist/>
- Find an Extension Agent
 - <https://tinyurl.com/ForestryExtension>
- Contact the Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program
 - <https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu/index.html>
- Welcome to the Woods! A Guide for New Virginia Woodland Owners

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- <https://tinyurl.com/WelcometotheWoods>

Additional Resources

- So I Bought Some Woods. Now What?
https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu/content/dam/forestupdate_frec_vt_edu/newsletter/archives/2023/Winter2023.pdf
- Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program Website
- <https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu>
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/VFLEP
- YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/VirginiaForestLandownerEducationProgram>
- Twitter @VFLEP



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