

Forest Stewardship Fact Sheet

WHERE TO GET HELP



If you're like most woodland owners, you only have so much time to spend in your forest. Job, family, and other considerations must come first. This is not the case, however, with foresters, loggers, fuelwood cutters, and others who make their living in the woods. When it comes to managing their forests, most woodland owners are part-time amateurs dealing in a world of full time professionals, and at some point in time they're likely to need some help.

There are several agencies and associations in Connecti-

cut that offer help to woodland owners. Some provide information, some offer professional assistance, some even offer financial assistance. There are so many potential sources of help, in fact, that it's easy to confuse one with the other. Yet, learning where these sources are and what each one can do for you is probably the single most important step a woodland owner can take.

Here are descriptions of a number of public and private sources of information and assistance for forest owners. Contact your local Cooperative Extension office or Connecticut Division of Forestry Service Forester for more details.

PUBLIC AGENCIES

The University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System (CES), an educational agency, is part of UConn's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. It is the link between University researchers and the people who stand to benefit from their work. The Extension System has an office in every county (see addresses and phone numbers on page three) where professional educators are available to answer questions and provide information on a wide variety of topics. Currently, a professional Forestry Educator is housed in the Brooklyn office, the Connecticut Forest Stewardship Program Forester (see also FSA) is housed in the Haddam office, an Urban and Community Forestry Educator is housed in the West Hartford Office, and an Extension Wildlife Specialist is housed in the Department of Natural Resource Management and Engineering at the University in Storrs.

The Extension System also offers periodic workshops, field days and short courses, and produces a variety of educational publications. To obtain a list of publications available from the Cooperative Extension System, write to the CIT Resource Center, 1376 Storrs Road, Box U-35, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06269-4035.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Division of Forestry has Service Foresters who can spend a limited amount of time on the ground with a landowner, providing forestry advice and assistance. There is no fee. A visit from your Service Forester is a wise first step in any forest stewardship program. He/she can provide you with:

- a basic *Forest Cover Map*, delineating the different plant communities on your forest;
- a set of *Stewardship Options*— possible activities you could undertake that would help you reach your forest stewardship goals; and
- some *Recommended Action Steps*— concrete “where to go from here” information should you choose to follow up on any or all of the stewardship options.

See page three for the DEP Service Forestry office nearest you.

The Division of Forestry also operates the state forest tree nursery at Voluntown. Connecticut landowners who intend to establish a forest or Christmas tree planting on one acre or more may purchase conifer seedlings from the nursery for what it costs to grow them. Limited quantities of hardwood seedlings, a windbreak package, and a wildlife planting package are also available. Contact your Service Forester for more information.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Division of Wildlife can provide advice and information on all aspects of wildlife biology and management, including habitat management, nuisance animals and damage, injured and orphaned wildlife, and hunting related questions. Available on request, the Division has a series of fact sheets on the biology and management of different wildlife species and on habitat improvement practices.

In eastern Connecticut, contact the DEP Eastern District Headquarters, 209 Hebron Road, Marlborough, CT 06447 (Tel: 860-295-9523).



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In western Connecticut, contact the DEP Western District Headquarters, 230 Plymouth Road, Harwinton, CT 06791 (Tel: 860-485-0226).

The **Department of Environmental Protection Natural Resources Center** is a dynamic storehouse of information on Connecticut's natural resources. The center maintains detailed data on Connecticut's earth, water, and coastal resources, including rare and endangered species, and on Connecticut's natural history. A directory of information and publications available may be obtained by contacting the Natural Resources Center, Department of Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106 (Tel: 860-424-3540).

The **Farm Service Agency (FSA)**, a branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will pay up to 75% of the cost a woodland owner incurs by implementing certain forest management practices. Reimbursement is provided under the **Stewardship Incentive Program**, a comprehensive program covering dozens of practices in these categories:

1. Forest Stewardship Plan Development
2. Reforestation and Afforestation
3. Forest Improvement
4. Soil and Water Protection
5. Riparian and Wetland Protection
6. Fisheries Habitat Enhancement
7. Wildlife Habitat Enhancement
8. Recreation and Aesthetic Enhancement

Look for FSA under "United States Government - Department of Agriculture" in the blue pages of your telephone directory, or contact your Service Forester.

The **Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)** is a branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which offers information and technical assistance to landowners on natural resource conservation. NRCS has mapped the entire state for soil types and, along with a soils map, can provide information on the characteristics of your soils and their potential management problems or limitations. NRCS also offers technical assistance for locating and constructing woods roads, controlling soil erosion, and wildlife management.

NRCS works closely with the Soil and Water Conservation Districts, which exist throughout the state. A landowner can become a district cooperator by signing an agreement to conserve soil and water resources. Several districts also sell tree and shrub seedlings to landowners.

Look for NRCS under "United States Government - Department of Agriculture" in the blue pages of your telephone directory.

PRIVATE FORESTERS

Consulting foresters are private independent professionals who earn their living managing forestland for woodland owners. They also serve as the landowner's representative in marking, tallying and marketing timber and other forest products. Most offer a full range of forest and wildlife management services. They charge for their services, either on a per diem basis or as a percentage of gross income received for wood products sales which they oversee. Your Service Forester or Extension Forestry Educator can provide a list of certified consulting foresters in your area.

Industrial foresters work for a wood using industry, usually a sawmill. Most offer professional marketing services if you sell your timber to their employer; a few offer comprehensive management services as well. The cost of their services are usually not charged directly to the land owner but are incorporated into the price received for the timber purchased. Your Service Forester or Extension Forestry Educator can provide a list of certified industrial foresters in your area.

ASSOCIATIONS

The **Connecticut Christmas Tree Growers Association** encourages state-of-the-art Christmas tree management through informational field meetings and newsletters. Contact CCTGA through Michael Pochan, Secretary, 920 West Street, Guilford, CT 06437.

The **Connecticut Forest and Park Association** is dedicated to conserving Connecticut's forests, wildlife, and natural resources. The association sponsors informational events, and publishes the quarterly magazine *Connecticut Woodlands*. Contact CFPA, 16 Meriden Road, Rockfall, CT 06481 (Tel: 860-346-2372).

The **Eastern Connecticut Forest Landowners Association** promotes forest stewardship by providing local forest management and marketing information. ECFLA publishes bimonthly newsletters, an annual directory of local resources for woodland owners, and hosts bi-annual field programs. Contact ECFLA at P.O. Box 404, Brooklyn, CT 06234.

The **Maple Syrup Producers Association of Connecticut** promotes maple sugaring for fun and/or profit. MSPAC sponsors bi-annual field programs; members receive a bi-annual newsletter and free subscriptions to the *Maple Syrup Journal* and the *Maple Digest*. Contact MSPAC through Tricia Kasulaitis, Secretary, 69 Goose Green Road, New Hartford, CT 06057 (Tel: 860-379-8787).



COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM LOCATIONS

Bethel Cooperative Extension Center
67 Stony Hill Road
Bethel, CT 06801-3056
Tel: 203-797-4176

Brooklyn Cooperative Extension Center
139 Wolf Den Road
Brooklyn, CT 06234-1729
Tel: 860-774-9600

Haddam Cooperative Extension Center
1066 Saybrook Road, Box 70
Haddam, CT 06438-0070
Tel: 860-345-4511

New Britain Cooperative Extension Office
22 Glen Street - YWCA
New Britain, CT 06051-2595
Tel: 860-225-4681, Ext. 285

North Haven Cooperative Extension Center
305 Skiff Street
North Haven, CT 06473-4451
Tel: 203-789-7865

Norwich Cooperative Extension Center
562 New London Turnpike
Norwich, CT 06360-6599
Tel: 860-887-1608

Torrington Cooperative Extension Center
1304 Winsted Road
Torrington, CT 06790-2940
Tel: 860-626-6240

Vernon Cooperative Extension Center
24 Hyde Avenue
Vernon, CT 06066-4599
Tel: 860-875-3331

West Hartford Cooperative Extension Center
West Hartford Campus
University of Connecticut
1800 Asylum Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06117-2600
Tel: 860-570-9011/9012

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