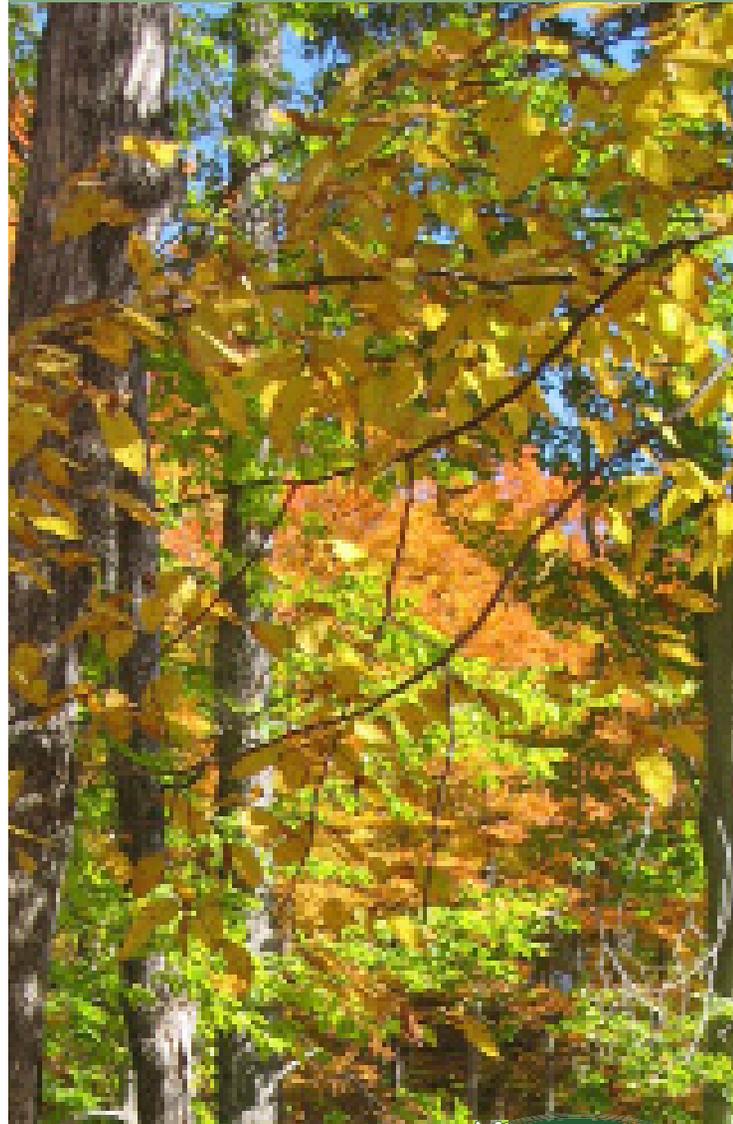


Vermont Woodlands Association

A VOICE FOR FORESTRY

Advancing management, sustainability,
and enjoyment of forests.



A Note from the President

Most of us want to leave the world better than we found it. Forest landowners have a unique opportunity to make this positive impact by improving their woods – whether for wildlife habitat, recreation trails, or wood products.



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Vermont's forest can justifiably be recognized as the foundation of the state's economy. The forest products industry is one of the largest segments of Vermont's manufacturing economy. We have a four-season tourism industry built around outdoor recreation activities such as summer travel, hiking, skiing, snowmobiling, fall foliage viewing, fishing, and hunting. All of these depend on the forested landscape largely managed and maintained by private forest landowners.

A STRONG VOICE FOR FORESTRY is critical if we are to influence Vermont citizens, students, government agencies, and elected officials about the importance of our forests and the contributions of private forest landowners to Vermont. The long-term health of the forest depends on management. Vermont Woodlands Association (VWA) is a leader in demonstrating outstanding management through the work of its members. Members are the strength and foundation of VWA.

Add your voice to others who believe in the importance of well-managed forests. Become a member of Vermont Woodlands Association for good forestry on your lands and good forestry in Vermont.

Putnam Blodgett, President



Vermont Woodlands Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose mission is to encourage sound forest-use decisions, improve wildlife habitat, enhance clean air and water, provide recreational opportunities, promote timber management practices that optimize forest health and product values, communicate the benefits of working forests, recognize exemplary actions of woodland owners and managers, provide educational opportunities, and to represent membership before governmental bodies.



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What Is Our Purpose?

The Vermont Woodlands Association strives to educate, train, and support private forest landowners in sound management practices concerning wildlife, clean air and water, recreation, and wood. We work with all forestry-related groups to coordinate opportunities for landowners to network, meet natural resource professionals, and learn about management practices and programs. VWA sponsors educational programs and tours for landowners, teachers, students, and the general public to encourage stewardship of Vermont's forests. We also encourage efforts to promote and retain programs at the state and national levels to support private forestry.

Who Are VWA Members?

The Association is a group of more than one thousand private landowners just like you. They live and work in your communities and are committed to preserving the working landscape of Vermont. Other members represent the professional community. They are foresters, loggers, sawmill operators, wood products manufacturers, and retailers who bring expertise in a variety of forest-related topics. Together, our private and professional members raise one voice for the future of good forestry in Vermont.



Why Should You Join?

Simply stated, we need you! A united group of like-minded landowners and professionals wield greater influence than individuals alone.

If you are a woodland owner, forestry-related professional, or an individual who cares about the future of the forest, please consider joining others with similar beliefs. Our locally led membership organization represents and promotes the interests of all.

What Are the Benefits of Membership?

VWA membership has many benefits that include:

- Timely information about important funding programs such as Use Value Appraisal, Federal cost share programs, and wildlife habitat programs.
- Complimentary subscription to Northern Woodlands Magazine, informative quarterly newsletters, and a regular e-news.
- Access to workshops, woodland tours, and conferences on forestry-related issues.
- Opportunities to meet foresters and other natural resource professionals.
- Opportunities to network with other forest landowners.
- Opportunities to participate in public policy discussions related to forests in Vermont.
- Assurance that your interests will be represented with lawmakers and policy makers at the State and National level.

Continued delivery of these benefits and creation of future benefits and opportunities depend on a strong and growing membership for VWA.

What Is the Tree Farm Program?

Tree Farms are not Christmas trees and pine plantations but rather family-owned forests managed to protect watersheds and wildlife habitat, conserve soil, provide recreation opportunities, and practice sustainable timber harvesting. Tree Farmers – or family forest owners – are people like you who are dedicated to stewardship of their woodlands.

Vermont's Tree Farms are third party certified in the American Tree Farm System, under the Program for the Endorsement for Forest Certification (PEFC).

If you own ten or more acres of Vermont woodlands and would like to count yourself among this group of good land stewards, contact the VWA office at 802-747-7900 or visit www.vermontreefarm.org.



NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Join the Vermont Woodlands Association

Annual dues investment (check one)

Landowners

- 0-100 acres \$40
- 101-200 acres \$50
- 201-500 acres \$60
- 501-1,000 acres \$70
- 1,001-5,000 acres \$100
- Over 5,000 acres \$250

Natural Resource Professionals

- Individuals \$50
- Firms and crews \$100

Wood Products Companies & Equipment Suppliers

- Individuals \$50
- Firms and crews \$100

VWA Accredited Consulting Foresters \$160
(Subject to VWA acceptance. Call for details.)

Friends & Supporters \$40

Please complete all information below:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Woodland town(s) _____

County(ies) _____

Woodland acres _____

Forester _____

Tree Farmer? Yes No

Make checks payable to Vermont Woodlands Association and mail with completed form to VWA Treasurer, PO Box 6004, Rutland, VT 05702-6004