

Advice and technical assistance for Connecticut woodlot owners about:

- Forest Stewardship Planning
- Wildlife Habitat Enhancement
- Forest Products Marketing
- Christmas Tree Management
- Invasive Species Management
- Forest Health, Insect and Disease Management
- Forest Recreation and Aesthetic Enhancement
- Property Boundary Location and Marking
- Mapping of Forest Features
- Carbon Sequestration and Storage
- Forest Land Conservation and Protection Options
- Federal Incentive and Cost-Share Programs and Opportunities
- Public Act- 490 Forest Land Classification and Taxation

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SPEND TIME IN YOUR WOODS WITH A SERVICE FORESTER

Do you enjoy spending time in your woods? Do you know what types of trees and other vegetation comprise your woodlot? Do you know what kinds of birds and other wildlife utilize your woodlot, or how to promote their presence? Do you want to cut a few cords of firewood and improve your woods at the same time? Do you want to earn some income from timber management, but ensure it is done in an environmentally sound manner? Your Service Forester can help you start to turn these goals into reality.

Service Foresters are experienced and knowledgeable professionals who can evaluate individual forest properties of certain acreage at no charge to the landowner. They can visit your property with or without you, gather information, and help you develop a satisfying and rewarding program of forest stewardship. This is the first step in getting to know and/or managing your forest

Site visits are typically limited to once a year in forests of 10 acres or more in size. Assistance is given by phone or email for smaller woodlots. Exceptions can be made for municipal forests, Christmas tree farms, and sugarbushes.

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LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE

Service Foresters can support woodlot owners in a multitude of ways. Their free services provide landowners with the opportunity to discuss or establish their management goals, interests, and concerns; and how to best achieve their goals.

Service Foresters may provide you with:

Maps: Spatial imagery of your property that delineates boundaries and depicts topography, land features, soils, and other features.

Forest Evaluation: A description of your forest that includes overstory tree species, understory vegetation, presence of invasive species and other forest health concerns, site conditions, and more.

Recommended action steps and stewardship options: An invaluable and unbiased listing of possible activities, tailored to your interests and needs, that you can implement to achieve your goals, leading to a healthier and more enjoyable forest resource. This list includes several next-step options, additional resources, and professional contacts, some of which regard potential opportunities for financial assistance through government incentive programs.

Connect with your service forester to learn more about their services and/or schedule a forest visit. Contact information is provided on the back panel.

YOUR WOODS ARE AN IMPORTANT RESOURCE

Connecticut residents benefit from the State's forest resource. Connecticut forests provide cultural, economic, ecological, and societal benefits. They provide clean air & water, wildlife habitat, biodiversity, carbon sequestration & storage, foraging and game harvesting opportunities, recreational opportunities, and renewable forest products.

Over 71% of Connecticut forest land is privately owned, meaning it is owned by thousands of individual families, people, trusts, and corporations. As such, quality of life in Connecticut depends on forest land owners like *you*.

Talking to your service forester can help you and your family maximize the benefits provided by your woodlot and promote a personal sense of reward from being a responsible steward of the land. Your service forester can provide many resources remotely, but can also visit your property to share site-specific observations, and recommendations based on your management interests and goals.

To learn more about Connecticut's forest resource, explore <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Forestry>