

Cornell Cooperative Extension and Master Forest Owner Volunteers

Call any of the following Cornell Cooperative Extension offices for educational assistance with your woodlot:

County	Phone	County	Phone
Albany	518-765-3500	Onondaga	315-424-9485
Allegany	716-699-2377	Ontario	585-394-3977
Broome	607-772-8954	Orange	845-344-1234
Cattaraugus	716-699-2377	Orleans	585-589-5561
Cayuga	315-255-1183	Oswego	315-963-7286
Chautauqua	716-664-9502	Otsego	607-547-2536
Chenango	607-334-5841	Rensselaer	518-272-4210
Columbia	518-828-3346	St. Lawrence	315-379-9192
Delaware	607-865-6531	Saratoga	518-885-8995
Erie	716-652-5400	Schenectady	518-372-1622
Essex	518-962-4810	Schoharie	518-234-4303
Franklin	518-483-7403	Schuyler	607-535-7161
Fulton	518-762-3909	Seneca	315-539-9251
Genesee	585-343-3040	Steuben	607-776-9631
Greene	518-622-9820	Sullivan	845-292-6180
Herkimer	315-866-7920	Tioga	607-687-4020
Jefferson	315-788-8450	Tompkins	607-272-2292
Lewis	315-376-5270	Warren	518-623-3291
Livingston	585-658-3250	Washington	518-746-2560
Monroe	585-461-1000	Wayne	315-331-8415
Montgomery	518-762-3909	Westchester	914-285-4620
Niagara	716-433-8839	Wyoming	585-786-2251
Oneida	315-736-3394	Yates	315-536-5123

Cornell Cooperative Extension Forestry

www.ForestConnect.info

Agroforestry Resource Center

www.cce.cornell.edu/arc

WOODLAND OWNER ASSOCIATIONS

NY Forest Owners Association (NYFOA)

800-836-3566 or www.nyfoa.org

Catskill Forest Association (CFA)

845-586-3054 or www.catskillforest.org

Tug Hill Resources Investment for Tomorrow (THRIFT)

315-376-5595 or www.tughillresources.org

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - DIVISION OF LANDS AND FORESTS -

Website: www.dec.state.ny.us/website/df

REGION 1 (SUFFOLK, NASSAU)
SUNY Stony Brook..... 631-444-0285

REGION 2 (MANHATTAN, BRONX, QUEENS, BROOKLYN, STATEN ISLAND)
Long Island City..... 718-482-4942

REGION 3 (DUTCHESS, ORANGE, PUTNAM, ROCKLAND, SULLIVAN, ULSTER, WESTCHESTER)
Wappingers Falls..... 845-831-8780
New Paltz 845-256-3076

REGION 4 (ALBANY, COLUMBIA, DELAWARE, GREENE, MONTGOMERY, OTSEGO, RENSSELAER, SCHENECTADY, SCHOHARIE)
Stamford..... 607-652-7365
Schenectady..... 518-357-2450

REGION 5 (CLINTON, ESSEX, FRANKLIN, FULTON, HAMILTON, SARATOGA, WASHINGTON, WARREN)
Ray Brook..... 518-897-1291
Northville 518-863-4545
Warrensburg..... 518-623-1200

REGION 6 (HERKIMER, JEFFERSON, LEWIS, ONEIDA, ST. LAWRENCE)
Lowville..... 315-376-3521
Potsdam 315-265-3090
Herkimer..... 315-866-6330

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Sherburne..... 607-674-4036
Cortland..... 607-753-3095
Kirkwood..... 607-775-2545

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Bath 607-776-2165
Avon 585-226-2466

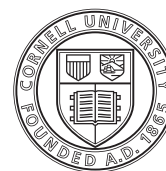
REGION 9 (ALLEGANY, CATTARAUGUS, CHAUTAUQUA, ERIE, NIAGARA, WYOMING)
Allegany..... 716-372-0645
Buffalo 716-851-7010
Falconer 716-665-6111
Belmont 585-268-5392

Do you own forest land?

As a forest owner, are you ...

- Prepared
- Knowledgeable
- Uncertain
- Careless
- Mostly inactive
- Hands-off

Inside:
What results you can expect



Cornell University
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with NYS DEC and
USDA Forest Service

Forest owners benefit from healthy and productive woodlots. Find your path below:

Hands-off or mostly inactive

You enjoy your woods, but do not see any need to make plans. You believe nature should take its course without much interference from humans. You cannot find time to get involved.

Likely result

Your woodlot will develop without your guidance. Its look and function will change in ways you may not like. The current "look and feel" of your woods will change due to succession, deer browse, forest pests, and a variety of other conditions.

NEXT STEPS

- Set long-range goals to maintain or improve the ecological and economic values of your woodlot.
- Request a stewardship plan from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.
- Take advantage of introductory classes, bulletins, and informational woodswalks from Cornell Cooperative Extension, Master Forest Owner Volunteers, woodland owner groups, and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (contact information on reverse).
- Learn to identify trees and woodland plants; learn about wildlife and their woodland habitats.

Careless or uncertain

You allow harmful forestry practices like diameter-limit logging and unplanned timber harvests. You are unsure about your property boundaries. Professional forestry advice seems unnecessary.

Likely result

You lose substantial money and future value due to poor harvesting practices. Your forested property may cost more to own, despite its lower value. There may be a noticeable decline in aesthetics, wildlife diversity, and hunting opportunities.

NEXT STEPS

- Consider why you own a forest. Get help from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Master Forest Owner Volunteers, and Cornell Cooperative Extension.
- Invest time in correcting past bad forestry practices by implementing a stewardship plan.
- Maintain marked property boundaries and get acquainted with neighboring boundaries.
- Strive to be a more educated and informed forest owner by joining a woodland owner association and attending workshops.
- Avoid spur-of-the-moment decisions that can restrict future options for your forest.

Knowledgeable or prepared

You know the difference between responsible forestry and neglect of forests. You take regular steps to improve your forest, wildlife habitats, and the economic value in your woods.

Likely result

You enjoy the wonder of a healthy and diverse forest, increased opportunities for recreation or hobbies, and extra income. Your financial equity increases annually, off-setting property taxes and other ownership costs.

NEXT STEPS

- Read publications, attend workshops, and join nature treks to increase your skills and know-how.
- Implement the next stages of your stewardship plan to meet your goals. Develop your forestry and chainsaw safety skills.
- Maintain marked property boundaries and protect your timber assets from theft.
- Consider becoming a Master Forest Owner Volunteer to encourage others with forest management. Work with Cornell Cooperative Extension and woodland owner associations to host a woodswalk that demonstrates your accomplishments.

