



MANAGING YOUR FOREST & AGRICULTURAL LAND - VIRGINIA



Managing your forest

Management of your forest can enhance its productivity, and following a Forest Management Plan will help target your particular goals while protecting the natural benefits woodlands provide. The trees, plants, animals, and soil of your forest provide you and your neighbors with clean air, clean water, chances to see wildlife, opportunities to hunt, a source of income, and more.

Why work with a certified forester?

A certified state or private forester can help you:

- Create a forest management plan that meets your goals
- Obtain tax breaks for managed timberland
- Get a good price for your timber
- Ensure that your woodland is well cared for during a timber harvest.



Find Your State Area Forester: <http://dof.virginia.gov/locations/>

Find a Private Consulting Forester: Contact Potomac Conservancy or your state forester for a list of private consulting foresters

Managing your agricultural land

Proper management of your agricultural land can increase its productivity, protect livestock, save you money, and contribute to more robust wildlife habitat and cleaner waterways. Following a Conservation Plan will outline your intentions, current use(s), and provide you with efficient and long-term management suggestions.

A certified soil conservationist and/or conservation specialist can help you:

- Create a Conservation Plan that meets your objectives
- Improve your operation to be more efficient and cost-effective
- Apply for programs that provide cost-share or lease payments



Find Your Area Soil Conservationist:

Shenandoah Valley Soil & Water Conservation District:
<https://svswcd.org/>

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service:
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/va/contact/local/>

Virginia Cooperative Extension:

Frederick County: <http://offices.ext.vt.edu/frederick/programs/anr/index.html>

Shenandoah County: <http://offices.ext.vt.edu/shenandoah/programs/anr/index.html>

