

***SPEND A HALF-DAY IN YOUR WOODS  
WITH A SERVICE FORESTER:***

**The Connecticut Department of Energy and  
Environmental Protection  
Forestry Division:**

**SERVICE FORESTRY PROGRAM**

The CT-DEEP Forestry Division **Service Forestry Program** provides Connecticut woodland owners with professional planning and technical on-the-ground forestry assistance.

The CT-DEEP Forestry Division Service Forestry Staff are skilled and professional state employees and CT-Certified Foresters that can visit individual forest properties at no charge to the landowner.

The Service Foresters are experienced and knowledgeable professionals who can visit your forested property with you, gather information and help you develop a satisfying and rewarding program of forest stewardship. Do you enjoy spending time in your woods? Do you know what kinds of birds and other wildlife live there? 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 make sure it is done in an environmentally sound manner? Your Service Forester can help you start to turn these goals into reality.

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***A VISIT TO YOUR PROPERTY:***

Service Foresters can spend up to **one half day each calendar year** with a forest landowner on their property, discussing their goals, interests and concerns, and discussing management/stewardship options.

Following a visit to your property your Service Forester may provide you with:

- **Maps:** Including a cover map of your property that delineates the different tree and shrub communities, as well as other details and features.
- **Stewardship Options:** A brief but invaluable listing of possible activities, tailored to your interests and needs, that you could undertake to accomplish your goals and lead to greater enjoyment of your woods.
- **Recommended Action Steps:** This “where to go from here” information will include specific steps you can take to follow up on any of your stewardship options. These recommendations will include sources of additional information on specific topics, contact information for other resource professionals, and opportunities for financial and/or technical assistance available through government incentive programs.

**To make an appointment**, contact the Service Forester for your area (see back panel). He or she will schedule a date with you and suggest things you can do in advance to make the time together in your woods as productive and useful as possible.

***“If you care about the stewardship of  
your land and the future of your forest,  
we’re here to help.”***

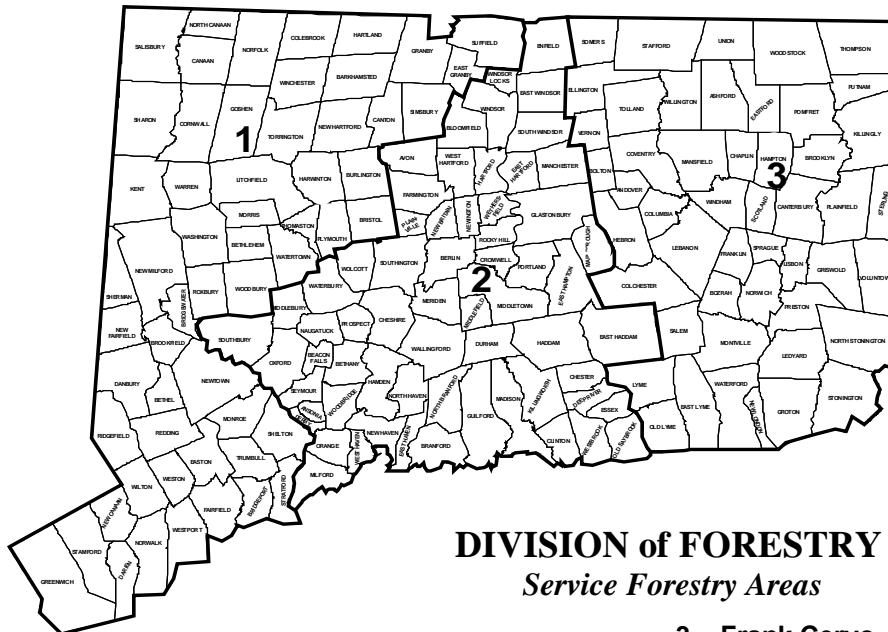
***YOUR WOODS ARE PART OF AN  
IMPORTANT RESOURCE:***

There are few regions in the world where so many people live among so much forest as here in Southern New England. In many ways the quality of life in Connecticut results from benefits that come from the forest resource around us. Fresh air, clean water, wildlife diversity, recreational opportunities and forest products are a few things Connecticut citizens depend on from the forest resource. Surprising to many is that most of the forest is not owned by the state or federal government. Almost 90% of the forest land belongs to tens of thousands of other owners: individuals, families, trusts, municipalities and corporations. Society depends on thousands of individual forest ownerships just like yours for the forest products and benefits we all enjoy. A visit with your Service Forester can help you and your family enjoy the variety of satisfactions and rewards that can come with forest ownership, while knowing that you are being a responsible steward of the land.



**The Connecticut DEEP Division of Forestry  
Service Forestry Program for Forest Landowners**  
*Advice and technical assistance for Connecticut forest landowners 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
- 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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