

Advice and Technical Assistance for Connecticut Woodlot Owners:

- » 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
- » Forest Carbon Markets, Carbon Sequestration and Storage
- » Climate Smart Forestry, Climate Adaptation and Resilience
- » Forest Land Conservation and Protection Options
- » Federal Incentive and Cost-Share Programs and Funding Opportunities
- » Public Act- 490 Forest Land Classification and Taxation

Service Forestry Areas:



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Eastern District

Counties: Tolland, Windham, New London



Western District

Counties: Litchfield, Fairfield, Hartford - Hartland, Granby, East Granby, Suffield, Canton, Simsbury, Burlington, Bristol



Central District

Counties: New Haven, Middlesex, Hartford's Remaining Municipalities



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A Site Visit with Your Service Forester

Would you like to better understand your woodlands? Perhaps you know your woodlands well, but would benefit from guidance to establish, prioritize, or achieve goals. **Your Service Forester can help.**

Service Foresters are experienced and knowledgeable professionals who can conduct site visits to evaluate private or municipal wooded properties at no charge. They gather and share information and provide unbiased management recommendations in accordance with landowner interests. This is the first step in getting to know and stewarding your woodland. This is the first step to a healthier and more resilient forest resource.

Site visits are typically limited to once a year in properties with 10 or more wooded acres. Assistance is given by phone or email for smaller woodlots, though some exceptions can be made.

If you own or steward fewer than 10 wooded acres, please scan the following QR codes for more relevant information:



Urban Forestry



Yard Trees



Landowner Assistance

Service foresters offer the following free services upon request:

Discussion: Review woodland concerns and management interests. Establish or review management goals and process, and discuss next steps if applicable.

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

Site Visit: A walk in the woods with your Service Forester, which is often the first step to woodland management. This service is usually limited to woodlands of 10 or more acres.

Woodland Evaluation: A site visit follow up description of your woodland including a numeric summary of different tree and plant species and their sizes, invasive species and other forest health concerns, wildlife habitat quality, site conditions, and more.

Recommended Action Steps and Stewardship

Options: A site visit follow up listing of unbiased management activities that can be implemented to achieve stewardship goals. These are tailored to your interests and needs and include several next step options and potential opportunities for financial assistance through government incentive programs.



Your Woodlands Are an Important Resource

Connecticut residents benefit from healthy woodlands, as they enhance our quality of life. Our wooded landscape provides us with clean air and water, wildlife habitat, biodiversity, carbon sequestration and storage, foraging and game harvesting opportunities, recreational opportunities, and renewable forest products. Woodland retention and management are critical to sustaining these social, ecological, and economic benefits.

Over half of Connecticut's landcover is wooded, and most of this wooded landscape (over 70%) is privately owned. **As such, quality of life in Connecticut depends on woodland owners like you.** There are many pressures facing Connecticut's woodlands, compromising their resilience and their function as a natural solution to climate change.

Engaging your Service Forester helps promote a healthy and resilient wooded landscape and often a personal sense of reward from being a responsible steward of the land.



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