What We Do

In addition to helping landowners like you plan for the future of your forestland, the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) prevents and fights forest fires, inspects every timber harvest to protect water quality, grows seedlings at our two nurseries, conducts research and helps protect forest health.

Each landowner and their forestland is unique. VDOF’s expertise helps landowners identify what steps to take to achieve their individual objectives while connecting them to existing resources. While this publication highlights some of the many services offered by VDOF, your local forester can discuss the range of programs and assistance VDOF provides.

To find your local forester, visit our website at:
www.dof.virginia.gov

What Are Your Goals For Your Forest?

For More Information

For more information about VDOF services or programs, please contact your local Virginia Department of Forestry office or visit:

www.dof.virginia.gov

Western Region Office, Salem:
Phone: (540) 387-5461

Central Region Office, Charlottesville:
Phone: (434) 977-5193

Eastern Region Office, Providence Forge:
Phone: (804) 966-5092

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The Virginia Department of Forestry is Here to...

Help You and Your Land
- Help identify your goals for your land
- Assist with plans to help achieve your goals
- Conduct field visits to provide forest management recommendations
- Develop multi-resource management plans
- Provide hardwood-specific management plans
- Coordinate tree planting
- Assist landowners with State and Federal financial assistance applications

Plan Your Forest Legacy
VDOF land conservation specialists can help you:
- Explore available conservation options
- Develop and hold conservation easements on working forestlands

To determine if use-value taxation, agriculture and forestal districts or purchase of development rights programs are available in your locality, contact your local Commissioner of the Revenue.

Protect Water Quality
- Conduct field visits, provide harvest recommendations and develop pre-harvest plans
- Assist with Riparian Buffer Tax Credit application
- Inspect logging operations for water quality protection

Grow Seedlings
- Collect native seed and grow pine and hardwood seedlings for timber, wildlife and pollinator habitat

Contact one of our nurseries to find out about purchasing seedlings.

Protect Forests from Fire and Pests
- Respond to wildfires to protect lives, property and natural resources
- Teach people how to take action now to protect their property, reduce wildfire risks and prevent future losses
- Help communities develop wildfire protection plans using the Firewise Virginia resources
- Provide insect and disease identification and control recommendations
- Help monitor and prevent the spread of invasive species