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The Virginia Forest  
Landowner Education  
Program Presents:



## ON-LINE WOODLAND MANAGEMENT FOR LANDOWNERS

March 1 - May 21, 2011

On-line registration begins

December 15, 2010 at

[www.cnre.vt.edu/forestupdate](http://www.cnre.vt.edu/forestupdate)



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**What:**

Woodland Options for Landowners Short Course

**Where:**

On-line, in the comfort of your own home

**When:**

Twelve-week self-paced course begins Tuesday, March 1, 2011, ends May 21, 2011

**Registration:**

Begins on-line December 15, 2010 at:

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**Cost:** \$45 per household

**Computer Requirements:**

Participants will need a computer, web browser (e.g., Firefox or Explorer), internet service provider (ISP), and e-mail account. Access to a printer is desirable. In addition, participants should download the most current versions of Adobe Acrobat Reader (version 8.0 or newer) and RealOne™ (look for the free version link), both available free over the internet.

**Materials:**

All students will receive 5 books: Common Forest Trees of Virginia, Forest Sustainability: The History, The Challenge, The Promise, American Forests: A History of Resiliency and Recovery, Non-native Invasive Plants of Southern Forests, and Estate Planning for Forest Landowners as well as Two CD's: A Virtual Tour of the Forest, and Tree Identification and participation in an (optional) end-of-the semester hands-on field trip.

No additional text, materials or costs are required to complete the basic requirements; optional advanced assignments, which you are strongly encouraged to complete, require a dendrology field guide, digital camera, compass with adjustable declination setting, topographic quadrangle map, aerial photograph and soil survey (ordering information for all these supplies will be available in the Announcements section of the course).

**Who Should Take this Course:**

Private forest landowners of any acreage; this course is not intended for forest landowners who have substantial experience working alone or with natural resource professionals in the management of their forests. Teachers, local leaders, and interested citizens are also welcome to join.

**Why:**

To gain an introductory level understanding of basic forest management principles and techniques and to use this understanding to become better land stewards.

**Topics Covered Include:**

- \* Setting management goals and objectives
- \* Writing a management plan
- \* Using aerial photos, topographic maps and soil surveys
- \* Determining boundary lines
- \* Forest ecology and management
- \* Working with natural resource professionals

Students completing all the advanced activities will finish the class with a draft forest management plan.

Additionally, a group of mentors, consisting of natural resource professionals and experienced landowners, will interact with students weekly via discussion boards.

An optional end of semester field trip will allow students to hone their new skills and interact with one another and natural resource professionals.

For more information, or if you've already taken this class and would like to be a mentor this year, please contact:  
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View the syllabus and register on-line at [www.cnre.vt.edu/forestupdate](http://www.cnre.vt.edu/forestupdate)