

# NYS Master Forest Owner Volunteer Program – Visit Summary Form

The NY MFO Volunteer Program is sponsored in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

To be completed by MFO volunteer:

MFO Name: \_\_\_\_\_

MFO's County: \_\_\_\_\_

MFO E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of visit: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Woodlot Owner: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Size and location of woodlot or undeveloped rural land visited:

Acres: (total not farmed) \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Number of years they have personally owned and controlled the land (number only): \_\_\_\_\_

4. How did they first learn of the MFO program?  Newspaper  Radio  Local fair  
 CCE  NYFOA  Forester  Agency staff  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. What are the primary reason(s), the landowner owns woodlands?

Timber  Recreation  Privacy/Rural Setting  Part of the Property  Firewood  
 Wildlife Viewing  Hunting  Maple/Mushrooms/Silvopasture/Ginseng  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do they have a management plan?  No  Yes, a written plan  Yes, not written

## 7. What topics or problems did you discuss with the landowner during your preparation, your visit, or after your visit (check all that apply)?

*Professional Services, contact:*  forester  surveyor  logger  
 insect control specialist  plant control specialist

*Producing a product (either at commercial, personal use, or hobby scale of production)*

Commercial harvest (sawtimber, poles, pulpwood, etc.)  Firewood – personal

Firewood - commercial  Christmas trees

General options for revenue and income from the woods  Maple syrup

Mushrooms  Silvopasture  Ginseng

*Gaining or increasing their awareness, knowledge, or skills.*

Biodiversity  Deer herd (how to increase or improve)  Deer impacts

Forest Regeneration (natural)  Herbicides  Hunter management

Hunting  Interfering/Invasive plant management

Invasive insects (EAB, HWA, ALB, etc)  Natural damages (wind, ice, drought, etc.)

Owner objectives  Plantation management (conifer)

Plantation management (hardwoods)  Pond creation or management

Safe use of chainsaw or other equipment  Streams and stream-crossings

Thinning/TSI to grow better trees  Timber theft  Trails

Tree and woodlot health (general, tree growth, native insect and disease)

Tree identification  Vernal pools  Wildlife habitat enhancement

*Planning and administration:*

Stewardship or management plan  480(a) forest tax law  Legacy/estate planning

8. In addition to the items checked above, what, if any, problem was discussed with the owner? Is there a particular issue to resolve?

**9. Actions that the Owner Is Likely to Pursue within 12 Months (check all that apply)**

*Professional Services, contact:*

forester  surveyor  logger  insect control specialist  plant control specialist

*Management actions*

- Apple tree release or pruning  Deer impact reduction through fencing  
 Deer impact reduction through hunting  Firewood use/collection  Food plots  
 Forest insect control  Harvest – commercial gain  Harvest – personal use  
 Interfering/invasive plants – chemical control  
 Interfering/invasive plants – mechanical control  
 Pond construction/maintenance/management  Thinning, TSI or crop tree management  
 Timber Growing Contest  Trail building or enhancement  
 Tree planting – preparation, planting, protection  
 Tree planting – protect existing seedlings  Vernal pool creation or enhancement  
 Water quality BMP enhancement  Wildlife habitat enhancement

*Outputs or production (commercial, personal use, or hobby scale)?*

- Firewood  Hunting lease  Maple syrup  Medicinal plants (e.g., ginseng)  
 Mushroom cultivation  Silvopasture  Timber

*Education and networking*

- Join/participate in NYFOA  Attend educational events (workshops, webinars, etc.)  
 Obtain books, fact sheets or other written  Internet access to written materials  
 Webinars

*Planning and administration*

- Obtain or update management plan  Obtain or update legacy plan  
 Owner objectives – develop/write down  Cost share programs (federal or state)  
 Manage hunters  Survey property boundaries  Mark boundaries  
 Contact land trust  Contact estate/legacy planner

**10. Are there any other actions the owner is likely to complete in the next 12 months, not listed above?**

**11. Are they members of or connected to any of the following (check all that apply)?**

- NY Forest Owners Association  Catskill Forestry Association  Tree Farm  
 The Nature Conservancy  Local Land Conservancy  Ruffed Grouse Society  
 National Wild Turkey Federation  The American Chestnut Foundation  
 Sierra Club  N/A

**12. Do they plan to become a member of any of the following organizations (check all that apply)?**

- NY Forest Owners Association  Catskill Forestry Association  Tree Farm  
 The Nature Conservancy  Local Land Conservancy  Ruffed Grouse Society  
 National Wild Turkey Federation  The American Chestnut Foundation  
 Sierra Club  N/A

**13. Travel:** Total time (include travel): \_\_\_\_\_ Round trip mileage: \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Reminder:** Write down any follow up you plan with the forest owner, i.e. a second visit or sending materials to them, (this is just a reminder for yourself).