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Assistance for New York Forest Owners

Owning forestland in New York State is an exciting but challenging undertaking. Consequently, many forest owners need help with the management of their holdings and are interested in knowing the people and organizations that are available to assist them. Ownership of forest land can provide numerous benefits such as revenue, wildlife habitat improvements, and recreation. However, ownership also carries costs and responsibilities that may require assistance from others.

Forest owners are faced with many considerations when they first decide to manage their land for forest products. Questions that may arise are: (1) What are the advantages and disadvantages of NY's Forest Tax Law (Sec. 480-a of the Real Property Tax Law)? (2) How can stewardship objectives be achieved while meeting financial needs? (3) Are potentially expensive practices like thinning or pruning warranted? (4) How can recreational opportunities be maintained when a forest is being managed primarily for timber production? (5) What is the woodlot's susceptibility to insect, disease, or fire damage, and what are the appropriate precautionary measures against such hazards? and (6) When, how, and by whom should harvesting be conducted?

Help is available to answer these and other forest management questions. This guide lists the major public and private organizations that offer assistance to forest owners and outlines the services performed by these organizations. Because of space limitations, it is not possible to include every organization that provides forestry assistance or to detail fully the purpose and activities of such organizations. Some timber companies and private consulting foresters will perform free on-site management services for private nonindustrial forest owners in return for allowing the company "first refusal rights" on future timber sales. Owners of woodland near large timber company lands may wish to use such services.

- PUBLIC AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS -

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE)

Purpose: To develop and disseminate to the public practical research-based information in areas related to agriculture, home economics, and natural resources (forestry, fishery, and wildlife management).

Activities: Extension personnel in 57 New York counties and New York City carry out programs with assistance from Extension faculty and staff at Cornell University. Extension associations sponsor public workshops and meetings covering all aspects of woodland ownership. Movies, videos, slide sets, bulletins, fact sheets, newsletters, and articles concerning the enjoyment and utilization of New York's woodlands are available, as is individual consultation on specific questions concerning the state's natural resources.

Membership: All NYS residents can join their county Extension which entitles them to receive monthly mailings featuring informative articles/announcements of Extension publications, meetings, and activities.

Contact: See page 2, website: www.cce.cornell.edu.

¹We sincerely appreciate the cooperation given by all organizations listed herein during the preparation of this publication. If you have updates for this publication, please notify us at: 607-255-2115 or e-mail: cce-nat-res@cornell.edu

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Master Forest Owner Program

Purpose: The New York Master Forester Owner (MFO) program, with over 200 volunteers, is coordinated by Cornell Cooperative Extension. The goal of the program is to provide private, nonindustrial woodlot owners with the information and encouragement necessary to manage their woodlot holdings wisely.

Activities: Volunteers arrange free, half-day woodlot visits to discuss sources of information and assistance.

Contact: website: www.cornellmfo.info, for a visit or to become an MFO, please contact the Regional Director for your county.

Regional Directors:

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Cornell Cooperative Extension County Offices

County	Address	Phone
Albany	PO Box 497, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186	518-765-3500
Allegany	5435A County Road 48, Belmont, NY 14813	585-268-7644
Broome	840 Upper Front Street., Binghamton, NY 13905-1500	607-772-8953
Cattaraugus	28 Parkside Dr., Ellicottville, NY 14731	716-699-2377
Cayuga	248 Grant Avenue, Suite 1, Auburn, NY 13021-0167	315-255-1183
Chautauqua	3542 Turner Road, Jamestown, NY 14701-9608	716-664-9502
Chemung	425 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira, NY 14904-1766	607-734-4453
Chenango	99 North Broad Street, Norwich, NY 13815-1386	607-334-5841
Clinton	6064 Route 22, Plattsburgh, NY 12901-9601	518-561-7450
Columbia/Greene	6055 Route 23, Acra, NY 12405	518-622-9820
Cortland	60 Central Avenue, Room 105 Cortland, NY 13045	607-753-5077
Delaware	34570 State Highway 10, Suite 2, PO Box 184, Hamden, NY 13782	607-865-6531
Dutchess	Farm and Home Center, 2715 Route 44, Suite 1, Millbrook, NY 12545	845-677-8223
Erie	21 South Grove Street, Suite 320, East Aurora, NY 14052-2398	716-652-5400
Essex	PO Box 388, 67 Sisco Street, Suite 1, Westport, NY 12993-0388	518-962-4810
Franklin	355 West Main Street, Courthouse, Malone, NY 12953-1817	518-483-7403
Fulton/ Montgomery	50 E. Main Street., Canajoharie NY 13319	518-673-5525
Genesee	420 East Main Street, Batavia, NY 14020-2599	585-343-3040
Hamilton	PO Box 7, Room 20, 1722 State Route 8, Piseco, NY 12139	518-548-6191
Herkimer	5657 State Route 5, Herkimer, NY 13350-9721	315-866-7920
Jefferson	203 N. Hamilton, Watertown, NY 13601-2597	315-788-8450
Lewis	PO Box 72, 5274 Outer Stowe Street, Lowville, NY 13367	315-376-5270
Livingston	158 Main Street, Mt. Morris, NY 14510-1595	585-658-3250
Madison	PO Box 1209, 100 Eaton Street, Morrisville, NY 13408-1209	315-684-3001
Monroe	249 Highland Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620	585-461-1000
Nassau	5 Old Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, NY 11753	516-433-7970
NY City	16 East 34th Street, 8th Floor, NYC, NY 10016-4328	212-340-2900
Niagara	4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport, NY 14094	716-433-8839
Oneida	121 Second Street, Oriskany, NY 13424-9799	315-736-3394
Onondaga	220 Herald Place, 2nd Floor, Syracuse, NY 13202-1045	315-424-9485
Ontario	480 N. Main Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424-1099	585-394-3977
Orange	18 Seward Ave, 3rd floor, Middletown, NY 10940	845-344-1234
Orleans	12690 Route 31, Albion, NY 14411	585-798-4265
Oswego	3288 Main Street, Mexico, NY 13114-3499	315-963-7286

Otsego	Education Center 123 Lake Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326	607-547-2536
Putnam	10 Geneva Road, Terravest Corporate Park, Brewster, NY 10509	845-278-6738
Rensselaer	61 State Street, Ag & Life Science Bldg., Troy, NY 12180	518-272-4210
Rockland	10 Patriot Hills Drive, Stony Point, NY 10980	845-429-7085
St. Lawrence	1894 State Highway 68, University Shopping Center, Canton, NY 13617	315-379-9192
Saratoga	50 West High Street, Ballston Spa, NY 12020	518-885-8995
Schenectady	Schaffer Heights, 107 Nott Terrace, Suite 301, Schenectady, NY 12308	518-372-1622
Schoharie	173 South Grand Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043	518-234-4303
Schuyler	323 Owego Street Unit 5, Montour Falls, NY 14865	607-535-7161
Seneca	308 Main Street Shopping Ctr., Waterloo, NY 13165	315-539-9251
Steuben	3 East Pulteney Sq, Bath, NY 14810	607-664-2300
Suffolk	423 Griffing Avenue, Suite 100, Riverhead, NY 11901-3086	631-727-7850
Sullivan	69 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty, NY 12754-2903	845-292-6180
Tioga	56 Main Street, Owego, NY 13827-1588	607-687-4020
Tompkins	615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850-3555	607-272-2292
Ulster	10 West Brook Lane, Kingston, NY 12401-3824	845-340-3990
Warren	377 Schroon River Road, Warrensburg, NY 12885-4807	518-623-3291
Washington	415 Lower Main Street, Hudson Falls, NY 12839	518-746-2560
Wayne	1581 NYS Route 88N, Education Center, Newark, NY 14513-9739	315-331-8415
Westchester	26 Legion Drive, Valhalla, NY 10595	914-285-4620
Wyoming	401 North Main St., Warsaw, NY 14569	585-786-2251
Yates	417 Liberty St., Penn Yan, NY 14527	315-536-5123

***New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) -
Division of Lands and Forests***

Purpose: To foster public awareness and appreciation for forest stewardship and the contribution forests make to the enhancement of rural and urban environments; to encourage the highest attainable level of management of forestland to meet landowner goals; to improve contact between landowners, professional foresters, and timber harvesters; to protect and manage, in a manner that best serves the well-being of the people, both the human and forest resources on public lands placed under the jurisdiction of the Division; and to highlight the obligations incumbent upon the stewards and users of New York forestlands.

Activities: In accordance with the New York Cooperative Forest Management Act, State Service Foresters will provide on-site assistance with forest management (advice and planning), establishment of forest plantations, care of immature stands, and, provide advice on the marketing of timber products. The DEC sponsors the NYS Cooperating Forester Program (private foresters can provide extensive individual services, adhere to the NYS forestry best management practices (BMP), and adhere to the Society of American Foresters Code of Ethics) and the NYS Cooperating Timber Harvester Program.

Contact: Bureau of Private Land Services - Central Office, Albany, 518-457-7370, Regional offices listed below, website: www.dec.ny.gov.

DEC Regional Forestry Offices

Region	(Counties Served)	Phone
3	Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester	845-256-3000
4	Albany, Columbia, Rensselaer, Schenectady Delaware, Greene, Montgomery, Otsego, Schoharie	518-357-2355 607-652-7365
5	Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, Washington, Warren	18-897-1276
6	Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, St. Lawrence	315-785-2239
7	Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego, Tioga, Tompkins	315-426-7400
8	Chemung, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Yates	585-226-2466
9	Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara, Wyoming	716-851-7200

County Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs)

Purpose: Soil and Water Conservation Districts are special purpose districts created and authorized under state law to develop and carry out a program of soil, water, and related natural resource conservation programs. There are 58 SWCDs in New York - one in each county, including the five boroughs of New York City.

Activities: SWCDs provide technical assistance to residents, landowners and units of government on soil and water related issues. They also coordinate and provide access to a number of federal, state and where applicable, local conservation programs. Woodland services provided by individual districts vary depending on local needs. Some districts offer services in woodland management in cooperation with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, especially in the area of erosion control during timber harvesting operations. Most SWCDs sponsor a yearly or twice-yearly tree and shrub sale.

State Contacts: Phil Griffen, Chairman, NYS SWCD, 10B Airline Dr., Albany, NY 12235, phone 518-457-3738, website to locate your county office: <http://www.nyacd.org/districts.html>

SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Purpose: To provide comprehensive and timely public service programs on environmental science and forestry, involving research, instruction, and public information activities.

Activities: The College offers curricula leading to various professional degrees, such as forestry, environmental and forest biology, wood products, and forest technology. The College communicates environmental and forestry knowledge to a variety of off-campus clientele, including forest-related businesses, industries, and landowners through its public service programs. These programs include continuing education, conferences, and extension. A number of forestry publications and films are also available upon request.

Contact: Continuing Education, 126 Illick Hall, SUNY ESF, Syracuse, NY 13210, phone: 315-470-6777, e-mail: ceext@syr.edu website: www.esf.edu.

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)

Purpose: To administer several national programs which involve forest management such as the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP), the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP). The Stewardship Incentives Program (SIP) is administered by the DEC Division of Lands & Forests for the Forest Service and assistance is provided by FSA.

Activities: Forest owners who meet eligibility requirements of various programs may be reimbursed for costs incurred in select forest management practices such as planting trees, wildlife management, improving stands by thinning, and preparing sites for natural regeneration.

State Contact: USDA FSA, 441 S. Salina St., Suite 356, Syracuse, NY 13202, phone: 315-477-6300, website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/>.

USDA Forest Service

Purpose: To manage national forests and grasslands through an ecosystem management approach that integrates ecological integrity with sustainable forestry and agriculture. The forests are managed for appropriate uses including grazing, timber, wildlife, outdoor recreation, and watershed protection. Additional goals are: to conduct research in the entire field of forestry and wild land management; to encourage conservation education programs; and to cooperate with the state and private landowners in the application of sound management practices.

Activities: Through State and private forestry programs, and regional Forest Experiment Stations, the Forest Service develops and distributes general and technical forest information publications. In addition, regional personnel often give presentations at professional and educational seminars. The Fingerlakes National Forest in Schuyler & Seneca Counties is the only National Forest in the state of New York. The Forest is open to the public for a variety of outdoor recreation activities and sponsors environmental education programs for local schools and youth groups. Limited timber, firewood harvesting permits, and grazing rights are issued.

Contact: Technical forest information publications, contact the State and Private Forestry Program, USDA Forest Service, Cooperative Forestry, P.O. Box 96090, Washington D.C., 20090, phone: 202-205-1389, fax: 202-205-1271, e-mail: tbeauvais@fs.fed.us, website: www.na.fs.fed.us. Fingerlakes National Forest: 5218 St.Rt. 414, Hector, NY 14841, phone: 607-546-4470.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Purpose: To take a comprehensive approach to conservation planning and provide individuals and communities with technical advice and assistance to solve natural resource challenges on the nation's private lands—reducing soil erosion, improving soil health, protecting water quality and supply, conserving wetlands, and providing fish and wildlife habitat.

Activities: NRCS foresters prepare guides, specifications, and information sheets on forest soil conservation, and train field staff in applying practices with complete conservation plans. The NRCS works closely with the County Soil and Water Conservation Districts (located at most NRCS offices) which in some cases offer technical forest management services under the direction of NYS DEC foresters. NRCS also administers a Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) program; six RC&D's in New York have active forestry committees which promote the development of the state's forest resources.

Contact: Steven L. Machovec, Resource Planning Staff Leader, USDA NRCS, 441 S. Salina St., 5th Floor, Suite 354, Syracuse, NY 13202, phone: 315-477-6527, website: www.nrcs.usda.gov/. Call for county office or: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=ny>

National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils

Purpose: RC&D program encourages and improves the capability of volunteer, locally elected, and civic leaders in designated RC&D areas to plan and carry out projects for resource conservation and community development. Projects relate to the following four areas: (1) Land Conservation (3) Land Management (2) Community Development (4) Water Management. By working together on local RC&D Councils, communities, all levels of government, and grass-roots organizations develop opportunities that sustain and improve our communities, local economies, and natural resources.

Contact: National website: <http://rcdnet.org/default.htm>, New York State website: <http://www.nyracd.org>

PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS*

American Forest Foundation (AFF)

Purpose: To develop, fund, and administer programs which encourage the long-term stewardship of our natural resources. The Foundation's programs rely on the thousands of volunteers in all 50 states who dedicate their time and expertise to assure a quality environment for future generations. Nonindustrial landowners, certified Tree Farms, professional educators, and representatives of forest products companies, professional associations, and state forestry associations are all part of the American Forest Foundation's networks for improving environmental stewardship. AFF, a nonprofit organization, is supported by contributions from individuals and by grants from foundations, government agencies and corporations.

Activities: The Foundation's core programs - Project Learning Tree (www.affoundation.org/html/about_plt.html) and American Tree Farm System - are directed at two groups which share extraordinary influence over the quality of our environment: young people and the 7 million landowners who own more than half of the nation's productive forestland.

Contact: 1111 19th Street, NW, Suite 780, Washington, DC 20036, phone: 202-463-2462, e-mail: info@forestfoundation.org, website: www.forestfoundation.org.

American Tree Farm System in New York

Purpose: To promote sustainable forestry by publicly recognizing landowners who practice forest management and by persuading non-managing forest owners to implement forest management practices on their woodlots.

Activities: Volunteer public and private foresters conduct field inspections with potential Tree Farmers prior to certification to ensure that proper management activities are being practiced on the woodlot. Non-practicing landowners may qualify as Tree Farmers once management activities take place. Tree Farms are inspected every 5 years to ensure that the management program is ongoing. The *American Tree Farmer* is published six times a year for Tree Farm members. Other publications related to Tree Farm activities are available upon request. The Tree Farm System is sponsored by the American Forest Foundation and cosponsors for the Tree Farm Program are Empire State Forest Products Assoc., NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, & New York Forest Owners Association.

*Officers are subject to change; thus, it may be necessary to obtain updated addresses from one of the public organizations previously listed.

Membership: Private owners of woodlands that meet certification requirements.

Contact: Liana Gooding, Admin. Secretary, NY Tree Farm, Inc. Office, PO Box 541, Lima, NY 14485, phone: 800-836-3566, e-mail: nytreefarm@hotmail.com, website: www.treefarmssystem.org/.

Catskill Forest Association (CFA)

Purpose: The Catskill Forest Association, Inc., is a private, nonprofit organization serving the entire Catskill Region. CFA, through the support of its members, strives to stimulate the region's economy while conserving its forests, soil, water, wildlife, and natural beauty. By bringing together the interests of the landowner, forest industry professional, and recreational user, CFA promotes cooperation to solve the region's forestry issues. It promotes long-term forest management and multiple-use practices through planned timber stand improvement and ecologically sound silvicultural practices.

Activities: CFA provides landowners with access to quality forest management services. Provides educational programs on forest practices, legal and tax matters, and other issues related to forest ownership and management. CFA periodically sponsors woods walks and workshops throughout the Catskill region, and publishes a quarterly newsletter, *CFA News*.

Membership: Open to all who support its objectives. Annual dues entitle members to publications, newsletters, and discounts on books, tree shelters, and on-site consultations with the Association's forester.

Contact: P.O. Box 336, Arkville, NY 12406, phone: 845-586-3054, website: www.catskillforest.org

Empire State Forest Products Association

Purpose: Dedicated to improving the business climate for the forest products industry while promoting management of New York's forests to meet the resource needs of today and for future generations.

Activities: Dispenses information regarding management techniques, research findings, legislative matters, and teaching and communication efforts to members primarily via two annual meetings and an annual legislative session review.

Membership: Forest landowners, public agencies, forest-related businesses and industries, consulting foresters, and individuals with forestry interests.

Contact: 47 Van Alstyne Drive, Rensselaer, NY 12144, phone: 518-463-1297, e-mail: esfpa@esfpa.org, website: www.esfpa.org.

New York Christmas Tree Growers' Association

Purpose: To educate and inform members of all aspects of the art and science of growing and marketing Christmas trees; to encourage, sponsor, support and collaborate in research on all phases of the industry with members, colleges, universities, government agencies, and manufacturers of equipment and materials; and to promote legislation that benefits the industry.

Activities: Sponsors meetings for nursery owners, growers, wholesalers, retailers, educators, researchers, and manufacturers of equipment and materials to meet and discuss common concerns; publishes a quarterly bulletin.

Membership: Private and commercial Christmas tree growers and others interested in the forest industry.

Contact: See contact us on website: www.christmastreesny.org.

New York Forest Owners Association (NYFOA)

Objectives: To assist owners and the public in making decisions for the best use of forests; to work to increase profitability of woodlot investment; serve as a forest owners advocate and voice in state and national organizations and forums and to educate community leaders in the benefits of sound forestry practices; to unite forest owners in a common cause of improving their forest resources and forest opportunities; to educate the public on the value of a healthy tree growing industry and to network with related organizations in promoting common objectives.

Activities: Publishes the NEW YORK FOREST OWNER bimonthly; holds state-wide educational Spring and Fall meetings for the membership and public; Chapters conduct "woodswalks" and other events to stimulate enthusiasm for good stewardship, timber stand improvement and managing woodlands for other values; encourages members to be active in local chapters; fosters affiliation with other organizations with similar NYFOA objectives; recognizes outstanding individual effort on behalf of forestry and private woodland resources in the state and offers access to a toll-free information database.

Contact: Liana Gooding, Office Administrator, NY Forest Owners Assoc., PO Box 541, Lima, NY 14485, phone: 800-836-3566 or 585-624-3385, e-mail: lgooding@nyfoa.org, website: www.nyfoa.org.

New York Institute of Consulting Foresters

Purpose: To promote and maintain professional standards and ethics in the profession.

Activities: Consultants charge for their services which include aerial photography interpretation, appraisals, Christmas tree and forest management, wildlife management, environmental impact and forest litigation, land acquisition, tax consultation, timber sales and marketing, timber theft evaluations, expert witness, provide membership lists to interested landowners, and other miscellaneous services.

Membership: Private consulting forestry firms consisting of one to several employees who have met educational, experience, and professional code of ethics qualifications.

Contact: Peter Marchese, Secretary-Treasurer, 38 Forest Hill Dr., Corning, NY 14830, phone: 607-962-7234 e-mail: pmarchese@stny.rr.com.

New York Society of American Foresters (NYSAF)

Purpose: To advance the science, technology, and practice of professional forestry and to use the knowledge and skill of the profession to benefit society.

Activities: The New York Section has developed policies reflecting the intent of the National Society in relation to forest resources education, forest recreation, environmental quality, cooperation with state and local agencies, forest taxation, water management and pollution, and the use of chemicals on forestland. The New York Society meets twice yearly and publishes a quarterly newsletter, *The New York Forester*.

Membership: Professional foresters who have met certain educational requirements and who have agreed to abide by a rigid code of ethics.

Contact: 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814, phone: 866-897-8720, website: <http://safnet.org>

New York State Forest Practice Board

Purpose: To establish and encourage the adherence to regionally adopted forest practice standards. To act in an advisory capacity to the DEC commissioner in connection with forestry matters To encourage the interchange of advice and experience among the regional forest practice boards.

Activities: Through Local Boards, the organization acts as a sounding board for private forest owners concerning public forest policy. The Board advises the DEC commissioner on forestry matters.

Membership: Composed of representatives from the Regional Boards, comprised of individuals appointed by county legislative authorities that include forest landowners and local government representatives.

Contact: Gary Nichols, Chairman NYS Forest Practice Board, 7624 Ridge Road, Gasport, NY 14067, phone: 607-772-2234, e-mail: gjnck@localnet.com.

New York State Maple Producers' Association

Purpose: To promote maple syrup and maple products; to provide representation for members in activities with various public and private organizations; and to keep members up-to-date on prices, legislation, quality grading, sugar bush management and marketing.

Activities: Promotes maple products through displays at festivals, fairs, and other agricultural events; works in cooperation with the North American Maple Syrup Council and the International Maple Syrup Institute; sends informational letters to members regarding supplies of syrup, prices, legislation, grading, etc.; and helps plan and participates in the State Maple Tour.

Membership: Open to private and commercial maple producers in New York; dues include a subscription to the *Maple Syrup Digest*, printed quarterly, subscription to the *Pipeline Newsletter*, printed 3 times per year, and support for the American Maple Museum at Croghan, NY. Membership in NAMSC & IMSI.

Contact: Helen Thomas, Executive Director, 301 Myron Rd, Syracuse, NY 13219, phone: 315-877-5795, e-mail: office@nysmaple.com website: www.nysmaple.com.

New York State Timber Producers' Association

Purpose: To maintain high standards of professionalism in logging; to promote favorable public relations for the industry; to assist loggers in locating stumpage and markets; and to represent its membership.

Activities: Offers membership in Empire State Forest Products Association to our members, representation to government regulatory agencies, information on programs and meetings; safety alerts every month, newsletter every other month; and fellowship.

Membership: Professional timber harvesters and Timber Hauling Truckers; Associate members include veneer buyers, equipment dealers, and saw-and pulpmill companies.

Contact: Linda Luchsinger, Exec. Secretary, NYS Timber Producers' Assoc., P.O. Box 300, Boonville, NY 13309, phone: 315-942-5503.

New York State Woodsmen's Field Days

Purpose: To promote public awareness of the economic importance of the State's forest industry; to display equipment, production, and handling technique innovations; and to give woods workers a chance to demonstrate their skills in good-natured competitions.

Activities: Held in August annually in Boonville, NY, open to the public, consists of woodsmen's competitions, exhibits, demonstrations, and educational activities; promotion of the forest industry throughout the year.

Contact: P.O. Box 123, 120 Main Street, Boonville, NY 13309, phone: 315-942-4593, fax: 315-942-4452, e-mail: fielddays@aol.com, website: www.starwebhosting.net/woodsmen.

Northeastern Loggers' Association

Purpose: To expedite the exchange of information and concepts on forest management, legislative activities, timber processing, safety, logging techniques, meetings and shows, and equipment innovations; and to promote public awareness of the many uses of wood, and the modern policies and practices of the wood-using industries in forest management and timber harvesting.

Activities: Sponsors a yearly trade show, "The Northeastern Forest Products Equipment Expo"; promotes public relations; operates the Forest Industries Exhibit Hall at Old Forge, NY; provides training and consultation services for members; and publishes *The Northern Logger and Timber Processor*, and industry-related books.

Membership: Woodland owners, loggers, foresters, manufacturers, and others concerned with conservation of northern forests through wise use.

Contact: Joseph E. Phaneuf, Exec. Director, NE Loggers' Assoc., 3311 State Route 28, P.O. Box 69, Old Forge, NY 13420, phone: 315-369-3078, toll-free 800-318-7561, toll-free 800-318-7562, e-mail: jphaneuf@northernlogger.com website: <http://www.northernlogger.com/>.