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Assistance for New York Forest Owners¹

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, improved water quality, 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 New York'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. Table 1 identifies the appropriate organizations for New York State landowners to contact regarding any of the 12 interests listed. Services provided by the organizations can generally be grouped into four categories. As presented in Table 1, "individual consultation" pertains to activities such as answering phone calls, letters, and personal inquiries; "informational services" pertain to the distribution of informational or instructional publications, and to the sponsoring of meetings, workshops, field trips, or short courses; "on-site technical assistance" pertains to professional services provided (usually for a fee) such as marking trees for thinning or harvest, arranging sales, or logging; and "cost-sharing for on-site technical assistance" pertains to reimbursement of certain management expenses. Some overlap of service exists among the organizations; for instance, all organizations will provide general information, but some are better equipped than others to handle such requests. An organization is paired with an interest in the table only if it specializes in the topic. In addition, some of the public organizations listed are involved with several general program areas other than forestry.

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.

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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Table 1. Matching NY Forest Owners' Interests with appropriate Assistance Organizations.

INTEREST*

<i>Assistance Organizations</i>	Gen. Forestry Information	Planting	Timber Production	Firewood Production	Christmas Tree Production	Maple Syrup Production	Wildlife	Tax Information	Cruising, Appraisal	Sales, Marketing	Logging Techniques	Legislative Action	Disease and Insects
Public													
Cornell Cooperative Extension MFO Program	AB AB	AB AB	AB AB	AB AB	AB AB	AB AB	AB AB	AB AB	AB AB	AB AB	AB AB	AB AB	AB AB
NYSDEC Division of Lands and Forests	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC		
Soil and Water Conservation Districts	ABC	ABC	B	B	ABC	B	ABC	B			ABC		
SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry	AB	AB	AB										AB
USDA FSA	B	D	D	D		D	D		D				
USDA Forest Service	AB	A	A	A			A		A	A	A		
USDA NRCS RC&D	ABC	ABC	ABC		ABC		ABC				ABC	B	
Private													
American Forest Foundation	B												
American Tree Farm System	AB	AB	AB	AB	AB				AB	AB	ABC	B	
Catskill Forest Association	AB	AB	AB	AB	AB	AB	AB	AB	AB	AB	AB	AB	
Empire State Forest Products Assoc.	B											B	
NY Christmas Tree Growers'		AC			ABC			B		B			
NY Forest Owners Assoc.	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	
NY Institute of Consulting Foresters	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC	A		
NY Soc. Of American Foresters	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	
NYS Forest Practice Board**													
NYS Maple Producers' Assoc.						B	B					B	
NYS Timber Producers' Assoc.			ABC	ABC					ABC	ABC	ABC		
NYS Woodsmen's Field Days	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B			B	
NE Loggers' Assoc.	B		B	B				B		B	B	B	
T.H.R.I.F.T.	AB	ABC	AB	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC	AB	AB	AB	AB	ABC	ABC

*A = individual consultation, B = informational services, C = on-site technical assistance, D = cost-sharing for on-site technical assistance in accordance with provisions of various programs.

**Services are those provided by NYSDEC Division of Lands and Forests.

PUBLIC AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Purpose: To develop and disseminate to the public practical research-based information in areas related to agriculture, home economics, and natural resources, such as 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, Ithaca, NY. County 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 New York residents can join their county Extension Association which entitles them to receive monthly mailings featuring informative articles and announcements of Extension-sponsored publications, meetings, and activities.

Contact: See listing below. Website: www.cce.cornell.edu.

Master Forest Owner/COVERTS Program

Purpose: The New York Master Forester Owner (MFO)/COVERTS program, with over 100 volunteers, is coordinated by Cornell Cooperative Extension. The goal of the program is to provide private, nonindustrial forest owners with the information and encouragement necessary to manage their forest holdings wisely.

Activities: Volunteers arrange free, half-day woodlot visits to discuss sources of information and assistance. The program is sponsored in part by: Cornell Cooperative Extension, Ruffed Grouse Society, Renewable Resources Extension Program, New York Forest Owners Association, National Wild Turkey Federation, and Robert H. Wentorf Foundation, Inc. with cooperation from: NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation..

Contact: If you are interested in a visit from an MFO a listing of MFOs may be obtained from Cornell Cooperative Extension county offices or NYS DEC Regional forestry offices. For an MFO listing or if you are interested in becoming an MFO, please contact Deanna Owens at 108 Fernow Hall, Dept. of Natural Resources, Ithaca, NY 14853, phone: 607-255-2814, fax: 607-255-2815, website: www.dnr.cornell.edu/ext/mfo/.

Cornell Cooperative Extension County Offices

County	Address	Phone
Albany	P.O. Box 497, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, NY 12186-0497	518-765-3500
Allegany	5435A County Rd. 48, Belmont, NY 14813	585-268-7644
Broome	840 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905-1542	607-772-8954
Cattaraugus	28 Parkside Dr., Suite A, Ellicottville, NY 14731	716-699-2377
Cayuga	248 Grant Ave., Auburn, NY 13021-1495	315-255-1183
Chautauqua	3542 Turner Road, Jamestown, NY 14701-9608	716-664-9502
Chemung	425 Pennsylvania Ave., Elmira, NY 14904-1793	607-734-4453
Chenango	99 North Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815-1386	607-334-5841
Clinton	6064 Route 22 Suite 5, Plattsburgh, NY 12901-9601	518-561-7450
Columbia	479 NYS Route 66, Hudson, NY 12534-9706	518-828-3346
Cortland	P.O. Box 5590, 60 Central Ave., Cortland, NY 13045-5590	607-753-5077
Delaware	P.O. Box 184, NYS Rt. 10, Hamden, NY 13782-0184	607-865-6531
Dutchess	P.O. Box 2715, US Route 44, Millbrook, NY 12545-0259	845-677-8223
Erie	21 South Grove St., East Aurora, NY 14052-2398	716-652-5400
Essex	P.O. Box 388, 67 Sisco St., Westport, NY 12993-0388	518-962-4810
Franklin	63 W. Main Street, Malone, NY 12953-1817	518-483-7403
Fulton	55 East Main St., Suite 120, Johnston, NY 12095	518-762-3909
Genesee	420 East Main St., Batavia, NY 14020-2599	585-343-3040
Greene	906 Green County Office Bldg, Mountain Ave, Cairo, NY 12413	518-622-9820
Hamilton	NYS State Rt. 8, Rm. 20, P.O. Box 7, Piseco NY 12139	518-548-6191
Herkimer	5657 NYS Route 5, Herkimer, NY 13350-9721	315-866-7920

Cornell Cooperative Extension County Offices continued

County	Address	Phone
Jefferson	223 J.B. Wise Place, Empsall Plaza, Watertown, NY 13601	315-788-8450
Lewis	P.O. Box 72, Outer Stowe St., Lowville, NY 13367	315-376-5270
Livingston	158 South Main Street, Mount Morris, NY 14510-1595	585-658-3250
Madison	P.O. Box 1209, 100 Eaton St., Morrisville, NY 13408-0640	315-684-3001
Monroe	249 Highland Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620	585-461-1000
Montgomery	P.O. Box 1500, Cty. Annex Building, Park St., Fonda, NY 12068	518-762-3909
Nassau	1425 Old Country Road, Plainview, NY 11803-5015	516-454-0900
New York City	16 East 34th St., 8th Floor, New York, NY 10016-4328	212-340-2900
Niagara	4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport, NY 14094	716-433-6731
Oneida	121 Second Street, Oriskany, NY 13424-9799	315-736-3394
Onondaga	220 Herald Place, 2nd Floor, Syracuse, NY 13202	315-424-9485
Ontario	480 North Main Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424-1099	585-394-3977
Orange	Community Campus, 1 Ashley Ave., Middletown, NY 10940	845-344-1234
Orleans	P.O. Box 150, 20 South Main St., Albion, NY 14411-0150	585-589-5561
Oswego	3288 Main Street, Mexico, NY 13114-9596	315-963-7286
Otsego	123 Lake Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326	607-547-2536
Putnam	Terravest Corporate Park, 1 Geneva Rd., Brewster, NY 10509	845-278-6738
Rensselaer	Ag. & Life Sciences Bldg., 61 State St., Troy, NY 12180	518-272-4210
Rockland	P.O. Box 1000, E. Kirkbride Rd., Thiells, NY 10984	845-429-7085
St. Lawrence	1894 St. Hwy 68, Canton, NY 13617	315-379-9192
Saratoga	50 West High Street, Ballston Spa, NY 12020	518-885-8977
Schenectady	Schaffer Heights, 107 Nott Terr., Suite 301, Schenectady, NY 12308	518-372-1622
Schoharie	41 South Grand Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043	518-234-4303
Schuyler	Rural-Urban Center, 208 Broadway, Montour Falls, NY 14865	607-535-7161
Seneca	PO Box 748, Waterloo, NY 13165	315-539-9251
Steuben	3 East Pulteney Square, Bath, NY 14810	607-664-2300
Suffolk	423 Griffing Avenue, Suite 100, Riverhead, NY 11901-3086	516-727-7850
Sullivan	69 Ferndale-Loomis Rd., 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 Westbrook Lane, Kingston, NY 12401-3824	845-340-3990
Warren	377 Schroon River Rd., Warrensburg, NY 12885-4807	518-623-3291
Washington	Cty. Office Bldg., 415 Lower Main St., Hudson Falls, NY 12839	518-746-2560
Wayne	1581 NYS Route 88N, Newark, NY 14513-9739	315-331-8415
Westchester	26 Legion Dr., Valhalla, NY 10595	914-285-4630
Wyoming	401 North Main Street, Warsaw, NY 14569	585-786-2251
Yates	County Office Bldg., 110 Court St., Penn Yan, NY 14527	315-536-5123

Cornell Cooperative Extension County Office e-mail: County Name@cornell.edu. The website to connect to Counties: <http://www.cce.cornell.edu/about/inyourcommunity.htm>

***New York State Department of Environmental Conservation -
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 (Cooperating Timber Harvesters encourage landowners to use written contracts for timber sales, to contact DEC and Cooperating Foresters for management advice, and follow the Timber Harvesting Guidelines for NY State). The DEC also provides informational publications on forestry-related topics and is responsible for administration of the State Forest Tax Law and the technical aspects of Federal forestry assistance programs.

Contact: See offices below. Website: www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dlf/

DEC Regional Forestry Offices

Region	Address (counties served)	Phone
1	(NASSAU, SUFFOLK) SUNY Campus, Loop Rd. Bldg. 40, Stony Brook, NY 11790	631-444-0270
2	(NEW YORK CITY) 1 Hunters Point Plaza, 4740 21st St., Long Island City, NY 11101	718-482-4942
3	(DUTCHESS, PUTNAM, ORANGE, ROCKLAND, SULLIVAN, ULSTER, WESTCHESTER) 21 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561-1696 Suboffice Stony Kill Env.Ed.Ctr., Rte.9D, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590	845-256-3000 845-831-8780
4	(ALBANY, COLUMBIA, DELAWARE, GREENE, MONTGOMERY, OTSEGO, RENSSELAER, SCHENECTADY, SCHOHARIE) 1150 North Westcott Road, Schenectady NY 12306-2014 Suboffice Jefferson Road, Route 10, Stamford, NY 12167	518-357-2066 607-652-7365
5	(CLINTON, ESSEX, FRANKLIN, FULTON, HAMILTON, SARATOGA, WARREN, WASHINGTON) Rt 86, PO Box 296, Ray Brook, NY 12977-0296 Suboffice Hudson Street, Box 220, Warrensburg, NY 12885 Suboffice 701 S.Main St., PO Box 1316, Northville, NY 12134	518-897-1200 518-623-1200 518-863-4545
6	(HERKIMER, JEFFERSON, LEWIS, ONEIDA, ST. LAWRENCE) Regional Office, State Office Bldg., Watertown, NY 13601 Suboffice RD 3, Route 812, Box 22-A, Lowville, NY 13367 Suboffice 6739 US Hwy 11, Potsdam, NY 13676 Suboffice 225 North Main Street, Herkimer, NY 13350	315-785-2236 315-376-3521 315-265-3090 315-866-6330
7	(BROOME, CAYUGA, CHENANGO, CORTLAND, MADISON, ONONDAGA, OSWEGO, TIOGA, TOMPKINS) 1285 Fisher Avenue, Cortland, NY 13045 Suboffice 2715 St. Hwy 80, Sherburne, NY 13460	607-753-3095 607-674-4036
8	(CHEMUNG, GENESEE, LIVINGSTON, MONROE, ONTARIO, ORLEANS, SCHUYLER, SENECA, STEUBEN, WAYNE, YATES) 6274 East Avon-Lima Rd, Avon, NY 14414 Suboffice 7291 Coon Road, Bath, NY 14810	716-226-2466 607-776-2165
9	(ALLEGANY, CATTARAUGUS, CHAUTAUQUA, ERIE, NIAGARA, WYOMING) 128 South Street, Olean, NY 14760 Suboffice 215 South Work Street, Falconer, NY 14733	716-372-0645 716-665-6111

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. Tree and shrub seedlings suitable for reforestation or conservation use are offered in various quantities, including large quantities for large-scale plantings. Some SWCDs offer rental of planting equipment or tree-planting services.

State Contacts: Phil Griffen, Chairman, or John Wildeman, Director, NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee, 1 Winners Circle, Albany, NY 12235, phone 518-457-3738, fax 518-457-3412.

New York State County Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs)

County	Address E-mail address E-mail address	Phone
Albany	Box 497, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, NY 12186	518-765-7923
Allegany	Ag Service Center, 5425 County RT 48, Belmont, NY 14813 alleganyswcd@yahoo.com	716-268-7831
Broome	1163 Upper Front St., Binghamton, NY 13905	607-724-9268
Cattaraugus	8 Martha St, PO Box 1765, Ellicottville, NY 14731 bed@nyellicott.fsc.usda.gov	716-699-2326
Cayuga	7413 County House Rd, Auburn, NY 13021 caycoswcd@relex.com	315-252-4171
Chautauqua	Frank Bratt Ag. Center, 3542 Turner Rd, Jamestown, NY 14701 chaut-co@soilwater.org	716-664-2355
Chemung	851 Chemung St, Horseheads, NY 14845 chemswcd@servtech.com	607-739-2000
Chenango	99 North Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815 ccswcd@norwich.net	607-334-4632
Clinton	6064 Rt 22, Suite 1, Plattsburgh, NY 12901 mahoney5@hotmail.com	518-561-4616
Columbia	1024 Route 66, Ghent, NY 12075 Isager@nyghent.fsc.usda.gov	518-828-4386
Cortland	100 Grange Pl, Room 204, Cortland, NY 13045 SWCD@nycortland.fsc.usda.gov	607-753-0851
Delaware	44 West St, Suite 1, Walton, NY 13856 rw@delaware.nywalton.fsc.usda.gov	607-865-7161
Dutchess	Farm & Home Center, PO Box 37, Millbrook, NY 12545 DCSWCD@MHV.net	914-677-8011
Erie	50 Commerce Way, East Aurora, NY 14052-2185 Swcd@nyeastauro.fsc.usda.gov	716-652-8480
Essex	Cornell Cooperative Extension, PO Box 407, Westport, NY 12993	518-962-8225
Franklin	RD 2, Box 202C, Malone, NY 12953-9622	518-483-4061
Fulton	113 Hale Mills Rd, Johnstown, NY 12095/ mjh@nyjohnstow.fsc.usda.gov	518-762-0077
Genesee	USDA Center, 29 Libery St. Suite #3, Batavia, NY 14020/ george-squires@nacdnet.org	716-343-2362
Greene	11C #3, Box 907, Cairo, NY 12413 gcswsd@francomm.com	518-622-3620

New York State County Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) continued

County	Address E-mailaddress	Phone
Hamilton	PO Box 166, Lake Pleasant, NY 12108 HCSWCD@telenet.net	518-548-3991
Herkimer	5653 State Rt. #5, Herkimer, NY 13350	315-866-2520
Jefferson	PO Box 838, 21168 NYS Rt. 232, Watertown, NY 13601 omatj@mailrelay.sunyjefferson.edu	315-782-2749
Lewis	PO Box 9, Lowville, NY 13367 Lcswcd@northnet.org	315-376-6122
Livingston	Box 152, 129 Main St., Leicester, NY 14481 Darlene-braun@ny.nacdnet.org	716-382-3214
Madison	Eaton St., PO Box 189, Farm&Home Center, Morrisville, NY 13408 Pm@nymorrisvi.fcs.usda.gov	315-684-9577
Monroe	249 Highland Ave, Rochester, NY 14620	716-473-2120
Montgomery	4001 St. Hwy 5S, Fultonville, NY 12072 swcd@nyfultonvi.fsc.usda.gov	518-853-4015
Nassau	1425 Old Country Rd, Building J, Plainview, NY 11803	516-454-4872
NYC	290 Broadway, 24th Floor, NY, NY 10007 shinot@aol.com	212-637-3877
Niagara	4487 Lake Ave, Room 6, Lockport, NY 14094 Ncswcd@pcom.net	716-434-4949
Oneida	9025 State Rt 49, Rm 204, Marcy, NY 13403	315-736-3334
Onondaga	2571 US Route 11, Suite #1, LaFayette, NY 13084-9641 OCSWCD@juno.com	315-677-3851
Ontario	480 N. Main St, Canandaigua, NY 14424 ontswcd@frontiernet.net	716-396-1450
Orange	225 Dolson Ave, Suite 103, Middletown, NY 10940 Kevin@nymiddleto.fsc.usda.gov	914-343-1873
Orleans	446 West Ave, Albion, NY 14411 judy_bennett@nyalbion.fcs.usda.gov	716-589-5959
Oswego	3095 State Rt 3, Fulton, NY 13069 oscswcd@dreamscape.com	315-592-9663
Otsego	967 County Hwy 33, Cooperstown, NY 13326	607-547-8337
Putnam	841 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512 pcswcd@bestweb.net	914-878-7918
Rensselaer	Ag & Life Science Bldg, 61 State St, Troy, NY 12180	518-271-1740
Rockland	50 Sanatorium Rd., Pomona, NY 10970 BeersA@co.rockland.ny.us	914-364-2667
St. Lawrence	3 Commerce Lane, Canton, NY 13617 slcswcd@northnet.org	315-386-3582
Saratoga	50 West High St, Bldg #5, Ballston Spa, NY 12020	518-885-6900
Schenectady	24 Hetcheltown Rd, Scotia, NY 12302 sswcd@aol.com	518-399-6980
Schoharie	41 S. Grand St, Ext. Ctr., Cobleskill, NY 12043 district@midtel.net	518-234-4092
Schuyler	208 Broadway, PO Box 326, Montour Falls, NY 14865 swcd@onlineimage.com	607-535-9650
Seneca	12 N. Park St, Academy Squire Bldg, Seneca Falls, NY 13148 pg@nysenecafa.fsc.usda.gov	315-568-4366
Steuben	USDA Service Ctr, 415 West Morris St., Bath, NY 14810	607-776-7398
Suffolk	River Cty. Ctr, 300 Center Dr., Room N-210, Riverhead, NY 11901	516-727-2315
Sullivan	69 Ferndale-Loomis Rd., Liberty, NY 12754-2903	914-292-6552

New York State County Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) continued

County	Address Phone E-mail address	Fax
Tioga	56 Main St, Owego, NY 13827/ jebarnes@email.msn.com	607-687-3553
Tompkins	Corners Cmnty Ctr, 903 Hanshaw Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850	607-257-2737
Ulster	Times-Square Office Park, 652 Rte. 299, Suite103, Highland, NY 12528	914-883-7162
Warren	51 Elm St, Warrensburg, NY 12885 wcdswcd@global2000.net	518-623-3119
Washington	USDA SvcCtr, 2530 St. Rt. 40, Greenwich, NY 12834 robert-kalbfliesh@ny.nacdnet.org	518-692-9940
Wayne	10 Leach Rd., Lyons, NY 14489 robert-williams@ny.nacdnet.org	315-946-4136
Westchester	432 Michaelian Office Bldg, 148 Martine Ave, White Plains, NY 10601 Gtd1@co.westchester.ny.us	914-285-4422
Wyoming	31 Duncan St, Warsaw, NY 14569 wcdswcd@wycol.com	716-786-5070
Yates	110 Court St, Penn Yan, NY 14527 yewcd@linkny.com	315-536-5188
Skaneateles Lake Watershed Ag Program,	2571 Route 11, Suite 3, Lafayette, NY 13084	315-677-4630
NYC Watershed Ag Program,	44 West St., Walton, NY 13856	607-865-7790

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: Lawrence P. Abrahamson, Continuing Education Coordinator for the Faculty of Environmental and Forest Biology, 126 Illick Hall, SUNY ESF, Syracuse, NY 13210, phone: 315-470-6777, fax: 315-470-6934, e-mail: ceext@syr.edu Rene Germain, Continuing Education Coordinator for the Faculty of Forestry, 22 Marshall Hall, SUNY ESF, Syracuse, NY 13210, phone: 315-470-6698, e-mail: rhgermai@esf.edu. Kim Adams Instruction Support Associate for Faculty of Environmental and Forest Biology, also "Tree Pest Extension Service", 125 Illick Hall, SUNY ESF, Syracuse, NY 13210, phone: 315-470-6751 for a 24-hour message service, e-mail: kbadams@syr.edu, website: <http://www.esf.edu/>

***USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)
(formerly Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service)***

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: Allien LaPierre, Program Specialist, USDA FSA, 441 S. Salina St., Suite 356, Syracuse, NY 13202, phone: 315-477-6303, fax: 315-477-6303, or your county FSA office listed below.

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 and firewood harvesting permits and grazing rights are issued.

Contact: For technical forest information publications, contact the State and Private Forestry Program, USDA Forest Service, Cooperative Forestry, P.O. Box 96090, Washington D.C., 20090-6090, phone: 202-205-1389, fax: 202-205-1271, e-mail: tbeauvais@fs.fed.us, website: www.na.fs.fed.us. For Fingerlakes National Forest, contact: Martha Twarkins, District Ranger, Finger Lakes National Forest, 5218 St.Rt. 414, Hector, NY 14841, phone: 607-546-4470, fax: 607-546-4474, e-mail: mtwarkins@fs.fed.us, website: www.fs.us/r9/gmfl/.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) *(formerly Soil Conservation Service)*

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 South Salina St., 5th Floor, Suite 354, Syracuse, NY 13202-2450, phone: 315-477-6527, fax: 315-477-6550, your county NRCS office listed under "U.S. Government" in the white pages of the telephone directory, website: www.nrcs.usda.gov/

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) County Offices

County	Address	Phone
Albany	24 Martin Rd, Voorheesville, NY 12186-9621	518-765-2326
Allegany	5425 County Rd. 48, Belmont, NY 14813-9758	585-268-7831
Broome	1163 Upper Front St., Binghamton, NY 13905-1542	607-723-1384
Cattaraugus	PO Box 1765, 8 Martha St., Ellicottville, NY 14731-1765	716-699-2326
Cayuga	7413 County House Rd., Auburn, NY 13021-1459	315-252-5832
Chautauqua	3542 Turner Rd., Jamestown, NY 14701-9608	716-664-2351
Chemung/Tioga	109A Chemung St., Waverly, NY 14892	607-565-3454
Chenango	99 N Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815-1387	607-334-3231
Clinton/Essex	6064 State Rte. 22, Plattsburgh, NY 12901-9601	518-561-4616
Columbia	1024 State Rte. 66, Ghent, NY 12075-3200	518-828-4385
Cortland	100 Grange Pl., Room 202, Cortland, NY 13045-1396	607-753-0851

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County	Address	Phone
Delaware	44 West St., Walton, NY 13856-1041	607-865-7161
Erie	50 Commerce Way, East Aurora, NY 14052-2815	716-652-1400
Essex/Clinton	6064 State Rte. 22, Plattsburgh, NY 12901-9601	518-561-4616
Franklin	151 Finney Blvd., Malone, NY 12953-9622	518-483-4061
Fulton/Hamilton	113 Hales Mills Rd., Johnstown, NY 12095-9742	518-762-0079
Genesee	29 Liberty St., Suite #3, Batavia, NY 14020-3294	585-343-2362
Greene	907 County Office Bldg., Cairo, NY 12413-9502	518-622-6320
Hamilton	Main St., Lake Pleasant, NY 12108-0166	518-548-3991
Herkimer	5653 State Rte. 5, Herkimer, NY 13350-9721	315-866-2520
Jefferson	21168 State Rte. 232, PO Box 838, Watertown, NY 13601	315-782-2671
Lewis	Outer Stowe St., Lowville, NY 13367	315-376-7021
Madison	Eaton St., PO Box 189, Morrisville, NY 13408	315-684-3321
Monroe	249 Highland Ave., Rochester, NY 14620-3036	585-473-2120
Montgomery	4001 State Hwy. 5 S., Fultonville, NY 12072-1721	518-853-4015
Nassau/Suffolk	423 Griffing Ave., Riverhead, NY 11901-3011	631-727-2315
New York City	290 Broadway, New York City, NY 10007-1823	212-637-3877
Niagara	4487 Lake Ave., Lockport NY 14094-1139	716-433-4949
Oneida	9025 State Rte. 49, Marcy, NY 13403-2301	315-736-3316
Onondaga	2571 US Rte. 11, Lafayette, NY 13084-9626	315-677-3552
Ontario	3037 County Rd. 10, Canandaigua, NY 14424-8303	585-394-0525
Orleans	446 West Ave., Bion, NY 14411-1589	585-589-6504
Oswego	3306 Main St., PO Box 1140, Mexico, NY 13114-1140	315-963-0779
Otsego	967 County Rt. 33, Cooperstown, NY 13326-0430	607-547-8337
Rensselaer	Bldg. 61 State St., Troy, NY 12180-3496	518-271-1740
Rockland/Orange	225 Dolson Ave., Middletown, NY 10940-6539	845-343-1872
St. Lawrence	3 Commerce Lane, Canton, NY 13617-9601	315-386-2401
Saratoga	Municipal Ctr., 50 W High St, Ballston Spa, NY 12020	518-885-6300
Schenectady/Schoharie	173 S Grand St., Cobleskill, NY 12043-1696	518-234-4377
Schuyler/Tompkins	903 Hanshaw Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850-1549	607-257-2737
Seneca	12 N Park St., Seneca Falls, NY 13148-1422	315-568-6346
Steuben	415 W Morris St., Bath, NY 14810-1564	607-776-7398
Suffolk/Nassau	423 Griffing Ave, Riverhead, NY 11901-3011	631-727-2315
Sullivan	64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd., Liberty, NY 12754-2903	845-292-6471
Tioga/Chemung	109A Chemung St., Waverly, NY 14892	607-565-3454
Tompkins/Schuyler	903 Hanshaw Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850-1549	607-257-2737
Ulster	Times Square Professional Park, Suite 103 652 State Rte. 299, Highland, NY 12528-2926	845-883-7162
Washington	2530 State Rte. 40, Greenwhich, NY 12834-9627	518-692-9940
Wayne	10 Beach Rd., Lyons, NY 14489-9798	315-946-9912
Westchester	2715 Route 44, Suite 3, Millbrook, NY 12545-0037	845-677-3952
Wyoming	31 Duncan St. Extension, Warsaw, NY 14569-1077	585-786-5070
Yates	270 Lake St., Penn Yann, NY 14527-1815	315-536-4012

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 non-profit 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: Larry Wiseman, President of American Forest Foundation, 1111 19th Street, NW, Suite 780, Washington, DC 20036, phone: 202-463-2462, fax: 202-463-2461, toll free: 888-889-4466, e-mail: info@forestfoundation.org, website: www.affoundation.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 co-sponsors for the Tree Farm Program are Empire State Forest Products Assoc., NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, & New York Forest Owners Association.

Membership: Private owners of woodlands that meet certification requirements.

Contact: Debbie Gill, Admin. Secretary, NY Tree Farm, Inc., PO Box 1055, Penfield, NY 14526, phone: 585-377-6060, fax: 585-388-7592, e-mail: nytreefarm@hotmail.com, website: www.treefarmsystem.org/.

Catskill Forest Association (CFA)

Purpose: The Catskill Forest Association, Inc., is a private, non-profit 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: The Association is 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: Jim Waters, Exec. Director, Catskill Forest Association, P.O. Box 336, Arkville, NY 12406, Phone: 845-586-3054, Fax: 845-586-4071, e-mail: cfa@catskill.net, website: 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: Kevin S. King, Exec. Vice President, Empire State Forest Products Assoc., 828 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12203, phone: 518-463-1297, fax: 518-426-9502, email: kking@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: Robert Norris, Exec. Secretary, 646 Fintches Corners Rd., Red Creek, NY 13143, phone: 315-754-8132, Fax:315-754-8499, e-mail: bnorris@redcreek.net, 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: Debbie Gill, Admin. Secretary, NY Forest Owners Assoc., PO Box 1055, Penfield, NY 14526, phone: 800-836-3566 or 585-377-6060, fax: 585-388-7592, information database: 800-836-3566, e-mail: nyfoainc@hotmail.com, 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, 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; provide membership lists to interested landowners.

Contact: Peter Marchese, Secretary-Treasurer, 38 Forest Hill Dr., Corning, NY 14830, phone: 607-962-7234 email: Pmarchese@stny.rr.com, Website: berk.com/~NYICF/

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 National Society publishes two periodicals, *Journal of Forestry* and *Forest Science*, as well as the regional quarterlies, *Northern Journal of Applied Forestry*, *Southern Journal of Applied Forestry*, and *Western Journal of Applied Forestry*. 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: Hugh Canham, Chair, NY Society of American Foresters, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, 320 Bray Hall, One Forestry Drive Syracuse, NY 13210, 315-470-6694, website: www.nysaf.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 recommending program standards and policy.

Membership: The State Board is composed of representatives from the Regional Boards which are 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.

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, and support for the American Maple Museum at Croghan, NY. Membership in NAMSC & IMSI.

Contact: Mary Vi Sanger, Secretary, NYS Maple Producers' Assoc., 1884 Rt. 98, Attica, NY 14011, phone: 518-846-7385, fax: 518-591-0458.

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.

New York State Timber Producers' Association continued

Membership: Professional timber harvesters and Timber Hauling Truckers; Associate members include veneer buyers, equipment dealers, and saw-and pulp mill 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: The Field Days, held each August in Boonville, NY, consist of woodsmen's competitions, exhibits, demonstrations, and educational activities; promotion of the forest industry throughout the year.

Membership: Open to public attendance and participation by all who believe, "Managed Forests Provide Forever."

Contact: (Mrs.) Phyllis White, Exec. Coordinator, NYS Woodsmen's Field Days, P.O. Box 123, 120 Main Street, Boonville, NY 13309, phone: 315-942-4593, fax: 315-942-4452, email: Fielddays@aol.com.

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: George Mitchell, Exec. Director, NE Loggers' Assoc., P.O. Box 69, Old Forge, NY 13420, phone: 315-369-3078, fax: 315-369-3736.

T.H.R.I.F.T. (Tug Hill Resources - Investment for Tomorrow)

Purpose: THRIFT is a growing group of people dedicated to the wise stewardship of the Tug Hill Region (Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida and Oswego Counties.)

THRIFT exists to help sustain the unique character, lifestyle and resources of the Tug Hill Region by promoting informed management and care of its forests, wildlife, water and lands. It provides a voice for area landowners.

Activities: Presents family, landowner and interested public oriented programs and workshops on woodland management, forest pests, and diseases, timber stand improvement, assistance with marketing, taxes, recreational uses, timber theft, consulting foresters and logging contracts. Conducts tours of wood-using facilities, saw mills, tree farms, agro-forestry sites and educational and governmental research projects. Year-round activities include picnics, canoeing, kayaking, snowshoeing and trips to members woodlot projects.

An annual forest oriented auction provides funding for scholarship assistance to graduating high schoolers. All activities are open to the public. THRIFT provides members with a bi-monthly newsletter "The Hill Talk" and a quarterly magazine "Northern Woodlands".

Contact: Walter Friebel, THRIFT President, 410 White St., Waterville, NY 13480, phone: 315-841-8874, Brendan Kelly, THRIFT Secretary, RD 3 Box 22A, Lowville, NY 13367, email: woods@northmet.org
Website: www.tughillresources.org