



Fall Conference 2016

Managing Massachusetts Forests: Conservation, Stewardship, and Regulation

Additional Resources

Web-based Land Conservation & Stewardship Resources

Family Forest Research Center: <http://www.familyforestresearchcenter.org/>

The Family Forest Research Center studies the behaviors and attitudes of the people who own forests. By investigating the social, political, and economic dimensions of family forest ownership, the Center seeks to improve forest conservation to better meet the current and future needs of forest owners, communities, and society.

MassWoods: <http://masswoods.net>

MassWoods is a continuously updated Internet resource that provides information to landowners at two critical conservation decisions: (1) considering the potential sale of timber and (2) planning for the future ownership and use of the property. It also provides useful information to forest conservation professionals and serves as the main portal for UMass Extension's Forest Conservation Program.

Keystone Project: www.MassKeystone.net

The Keystone Project selects and educates forest owners and community leaders who have a significant impact on their communities. The program offers them information on forest ecology, sustainable forest management, wildlife habitat enhancement, and land protection through a combination of lectures, field trips, discussions, and take-home resources.

Mapping and Prioritizing Parcels for Resilience Project (MAPPR)

<http://www.massaudubon.org/our-conservation-work/advocacy/shaping-the-future-sustainable-planning/current-projects/mappr-project>

MAPPR allows land conservationists to identify the parcels within an area of interest that are the highest priorities for protection based on habitat quality, climate change resilience, and other metrics such as parcel size and adjacency to existing protected parcels.

Massachusetts Wildlife Climate Action Tool: <http://climateactiontool.org/>

The Massachusetts Wildlife Climate Action Tool was developed for local decision-makers, conservation practitioners, large landowners, and community leaders across the state. The tool allows you to access information on climate change impacts and vulnerability of species and habitats, as well as explore adaptation strategies and actions to help maintain healthy, resilient natural communities based on your location and interests.



Regulations, Guidance, and Policies Related to Forestry

Farming in Wetland Resource Areas: a Guide to Agriculture and the Massachusetts Wetlands

Protection Act. <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/water/laws/a-thru-h/farman.pdf>

The *Farming in Wetland Resource Areas* manual was issued in 1994 to help conservation commissions and farmers understand how the Wetlands Protection Act and its regulations apply to agricultural activities. In 1996, the manual was updated to incorporate the forestry revisions to the regulations. The forestry regulations, practices, and terms are covered in chapters five and six.

Forest Cutting Practices Act – MGL Chapter 132

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/conservation/forestry-and-fire-control/chapter-132-ma-forest-cutting-practices-act.html>

This webpage from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs provides general information about how timber harvests are conducted under the Forest Cutting Practices Act. Chapter 132 regulations pertain to harvesting operations that do not result in a change of land use.

Massachusetts Forestry Best Management Practices Manual, 2013 edition:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/stewardship/forestry/ma-forestry-bmp-manual-rd.pdf>

The 2013 2nd edition of the manual updates, improves, and replaces the 1999 first edition. This is the current edition referenced in the Forest Cutting Practices Act regulations:
310 CMR 11.0 – 11.10.

Chapter 61 Programs: Understanding the Massachusetts Ch. 61 Current Use Tax Programs. UMass

Extension and DCR. <http://masswoods.net/sites/masswoods.net/files/Ch61-v2.pdf>

Selected Field Guides and General Interest-Forest Related

- **Bark: A Field Guide to Trees of the Northeast**, by Michael Wojtech
- **Ferns-Peterson Field Guide 2nd Edition**, Cobb/Farnsworth/Low
- **Hemlock, A Forest Giant on the Edge**, by David R. Foster
- **More than a Woodlot: Getting the Most from your Family Forest**, by Stephen Long
- **New England Forests through Time: Insights from the Harvard Forest Dioramas**, Centennial Edition, David R. Foster and John F. O'Keefe
- **Reading the Forested Landscape: A Natural History of New England**, by Tom Wessels
- **A Sand County Almanac**, by Aldo Leopold
- **Trees and Shrubs-Peterson Field Guide**, by George Petrides