

### Legend

- Town Boundary
  - Property Parcel
  - Protected Open Space
- Major Roads**
- Interstate
  - U.S. Route
  - State Route
  - Connector

### Land Cover Categories

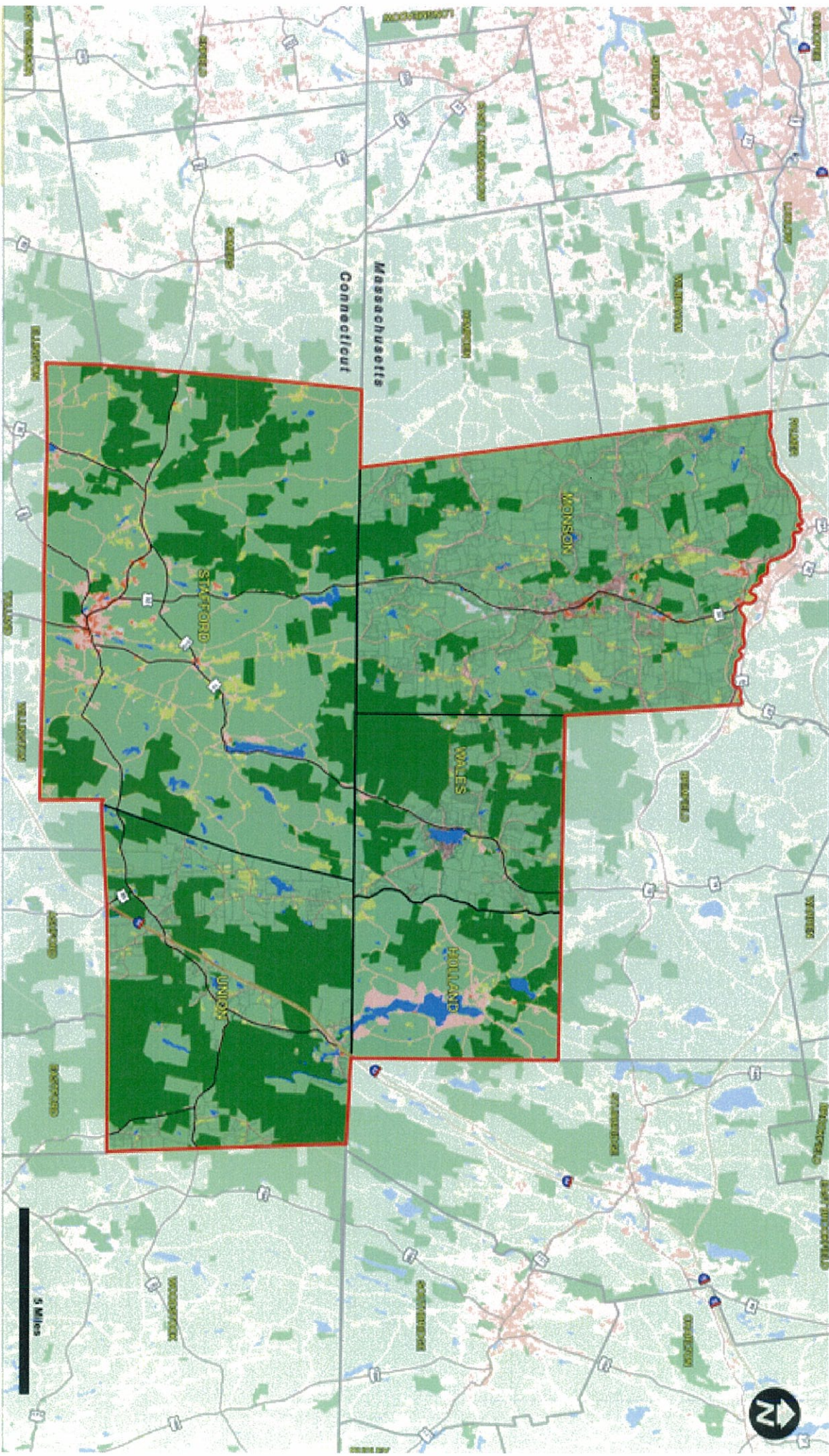
- Agriculture
- Barren Land
- Developed Area
- Forest
- Grassland/Herbaceous
- Water
- Wetlands

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  - Forest
  - Other (Upland)
  - Water, Wetland
  - Protected Open Space
- Agriculture**
  - Developed, High Density
  - Developed, Low Density

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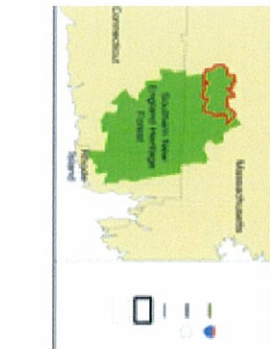
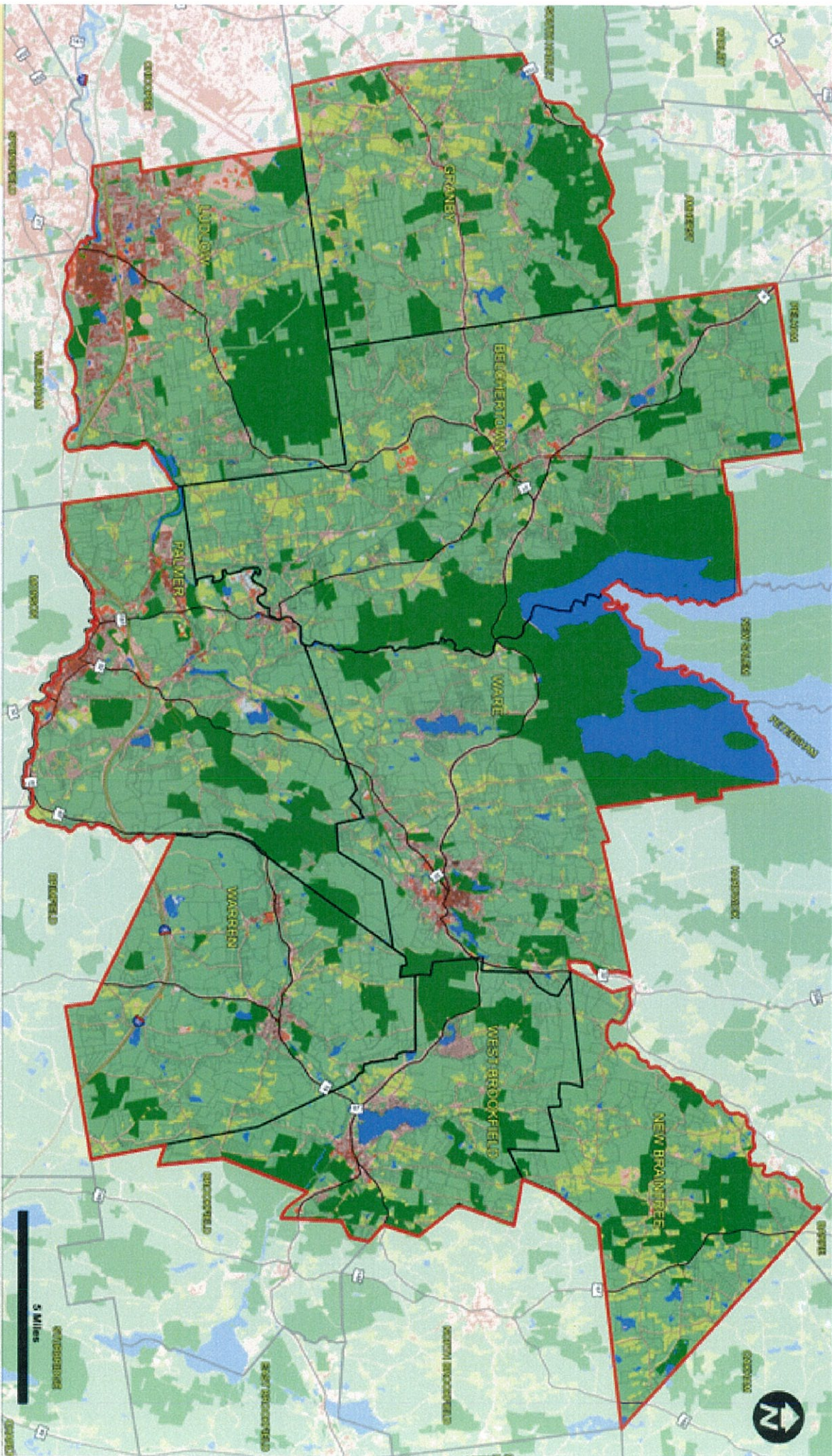
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# Southern New England Heritage Forest Regional Pilot Project

# MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership Northern Connections Focus Area



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  - Other, Unknown
  - Water, Wetland
  - Protected Open Space

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## You love your woods-Share your passion!

We are looking for interested individuals to become part of an exciting project as a **Woodland Ambassador** with the **Southern New England Heritage Forest (SNEHF) Partnership**. SNEHF is a 3-state working group of public and private partners combining efforts to ensure the future of our woods.

As a **Woodland Ambassador** you will reach out to people in your area who own at least 5 acres of woods. Many of our friends and neighbors own woodlands, but they don't consider themselves "forest" landowners – most have never sought professional advice about keeping their woods healthy nor thought about long-term options.



Picture yourself here! Photo: New England Forestry Foundation Archives

We need your help to connect woodland landowners with credible information and experience in a low-key, neighbor-to-neighbor way. Please consider joining the **SNEHF project** as a **Woodland Ambassador**. You will be part of a regional network with access to up-to-date information and support from professional forestry staff and organizations. We will provide training, support, and funding for you to host a few informal, fun events such as woods walks or woods forums for small groups of people.

We are hosting a free training event for all **Woodland Ambassadors** and if you are interested in joining the program, you would register for one of these two options:

**April 6, 2013** (8AM-4PM) at George Washington Management Area, Gloucester, RI

**April 13, 2013** (8AM-4PM) at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary, Monson, MA.

**If you are interested in being part of this project and wish to register, please contact:**

**Katherine Blake**, Partnership Coordinator for the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership,  
413-214-2422 or [kautumnblake@gmail.com](mailto:kautumnblake@gmail.com)

**OR**

**Lois Bruinooge**, Deputy Executive Director for The Last Green Valley,  
860-774-3300 or [Lois@tlgv.org](mailto:Lois@tlgv.org)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -draft 12-5-12

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Love your woods? Learn how others are shaping the future of their woods.**

"We moved here \_\_\_ years ago when we needed to get out of the city. I fell in love with my land and wanted to learn more about the woods," said \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_. "We've enjoyed the experience of building our trails and expanding the number of birds that visit our woods."

The actions we take or don't take affect the future of the woods around us. Knowing what you want is the first thing to clarify. Is privacy key? If so, then leaving a buffer of evergreen trees and giving them room to grow is a critical consideration. Do you want more birds, like warblers nesting in the woods? If so, then creating small openings in the tree canopy will allow new seedlings to start and increase the number of insects to provide more food for warblers during the summertime.

Decisions about what to do or not do can be complex. Come see what the \_\_\_\_\_ family chose to do with their woods. \_\_\_\_\_ will share their reasons for completing a timber sale and what they think of the changes (include some of this information in the real release). Meet at \_\_\_\_\_ at 10 am for a walk through their woods. We'll see and feel the results of letting more sunlight reach the soil. Come with your questions.

This walk is co-sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ to register.

Sample flyer/press release text for woods walks

**For Immediate Release....**

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Date:

**You Love Your Woods – What’s Their Future?**

Do you own and enjoy at least 5 acres of woods? Would you like to learn more about keeping them healthy? Or what to do in case of a natural disaster (bugs, fires, tornados and other things we don’t really want to contemplate)?

Please join us for an informal walk on (date) in (location) to explore the woods in our backyards. We’ll look for signs of wildlife, identify the most prominent trees and shrubs, and share tips for keeping our woods healthy. After the walk, we’ll warm up inside with cider and cookies and share our observations. (Name), who is passionate about his own x acres of woods in (town), will be our guide. (Name), a forester with x years of experience, will be on hand to answer questions.

Meet at (time & exact location), wear sturdy shoes, etc.

While the walk is free, pre-registration is requested for planning purposes. To register, or for more information, please contact (Woodland Ambassador) at (phone and/or email) by (deadline).

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**Southern New England Heritage Forest**  
**“You Love You Woods, What’s their Future?”**  
**Event Planning and Budget Worksheet**

Woodland Ambassador Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Info:

Proposed Event:

Purpose/Goal of Event:

Describe what attendees will see/hear/experience:

What specific action(s) do you want participants to take after your event?

Event Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Location (specify indoor and/or outdoors):

Things to consider before publicizing:

- Bad weather date/conditions (i.e. “heavy rain postpones until...” or “we go rain or shine...”):
  
- Special instructions to participants (i.e. “wear shoes that you don’t mind getting wet,” or “bring a camera and/or binoculars,” etc.):
  
- Landowner permission obtained - Landowner name and contact info:
  
- Directions:

Adequate Parking (challenges/possible solutions):

Limited to \_\_\_\_\_ participants (if limited, then need to take pre-registrations):

Pre-register by contacting: (name, phone and/or email) by (deadline):

Publicity plan (4 weeks before event):

Consider flyers in community spaces, paid advertisements in local papers, social media, partner websites, and distribution through like-minded organizations. Include standard text for all events:

Header: You Love Your Woods – What’s Their Future?

Footer: This free event is brought to you by the Southern New England Heritage Forest Partnership, a 3-state working group of public and private partners combining efforts to ensure the future of our woods. This project is funded by a U.S. Forest Service grant through the North East State Foresters Association.

Equipment/supplies needed for event:

Handouts/materials for participants (includes sign in sheets and evaluation forms):

Food provided:

Preliminary budget:

Food	\$ _____
Equipment/supplies	\$ _____
Handouts/materials	\$ _____
Publicity	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Collect and save all receipts for reimbursement!

Submit all paperwork- 1) sign in sheets, 2) evaluation forms, 3) copies of all handouts, 4) reimbursement forms and 5) receipts to Program Coordinator within two weeks of event.



**Southern New England Heritage Forest**  
**"You Love You Woods, What's their Future?"**  
**Reimbursement Form**

Woodland Ambassador Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Duration: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Expense Summary:

Food	\$ _____
Equipment/supplies	\$ _____
Handouts/materials	\$ _____
Publicity	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____

Total Reimbursement Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to your Project Coordinator within 2 weeks of each event, with the following items:

- Receipts
- Sign in sheets
- Survey forms
- Copies of all handouts

Comments – Lessons Learned – Wisdom for Future Events?

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I certify that the expenses listed above were incurred to further the goals of the SNEHF pilot project.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Southern New England Heritage Forest - "You Love Your Woods, What's their Future?"**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres of woods do you own?  0-4 acres  5-9 acres  10-14 acres  15-19 acres  20+ acres

How long have you owned your woods?  0-4 years  5-9 years  10-14 years  15-19 years  20+ years

What is the most valuable information you obtained from today's event?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Prior to today's event, have you ever:**

- a. Spoken with a consulting forester about your woods? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Obtained a forest management plan for your woods? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, have you implemented any of the recommendations in the plan? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Enrolled in a municipal program that provides tax breaks for land in agriculture, forestry and/or open space uses? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Contacted a land trust or government agency to learn more about conservation options? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Consulted with an estate planning professional about the long-term future of your woods? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tell us how you feel about your woods by circling the appropriate number, where 10 means it describes you completely and 1 means it doesn't describe you at all.**

- a. I generate income from my land or own it for financial investment purposes. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- b. I own my land for the enjoyment of the scenery. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- c. I own my land for the privacy it affords. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- d. I use my land for recreation purposes. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- e. I'm not particularly involved with my land. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**After today's event, on a scale of 1 – 10, where 10 means "yes, definitely," and 1 means "not at all likely," how likely are you to:**

- a. Speak with a consulting forester about your woods? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- b. Obtain a forest management plan for your woods? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Or, if you have a plan, to implement recommendations from your plan? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

c. Enroll in a municipal program that provides tax breaks for land in agriculture, forestry and/or open space uses? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

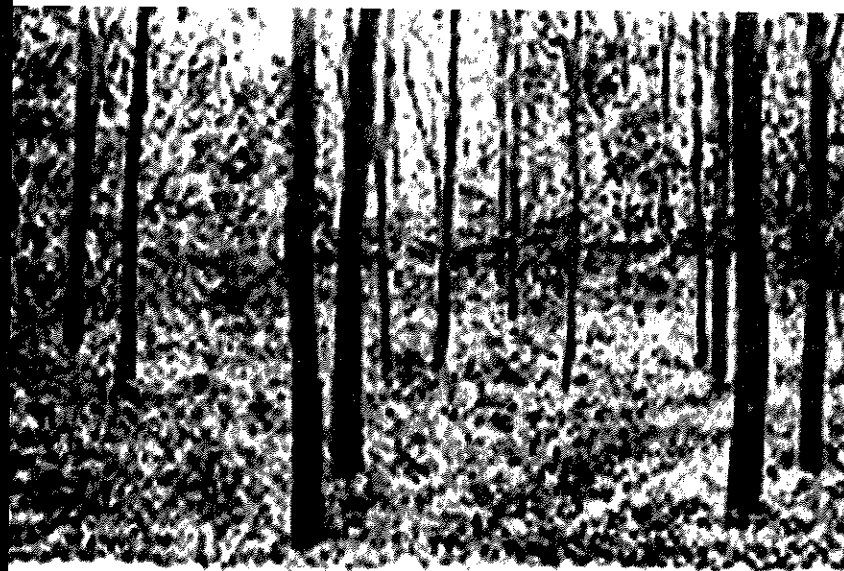
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**How did you hear about today's event?**

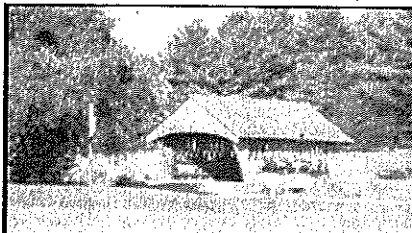
- Direct mail  Email  Newspaper  Website  Posted flyer  Social media (facebook)
- Word-of-mouth  Neighbor  Friends  Family  Land trust or other nonprofit
- Forestry professional  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## You Love Your Woods What's Their Future?



Please join us for an informal walk on November 16, 2013 at On The Lane Farm, 52 Hartford Pike in Foster to explore the woods in our backyards. This free event is brought to you by the Southern New England Heritage Forest Partnership

*See details in article on page 12*



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## TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

This year Tabernacle Baptist Church celebrates 140 years of serving God in the village of Hope. We extend a warm welcome to all in the community who are seeking a place to worship and desire to strengthen their faith. We gather with the ringing of the bell at 9:25 AM each Sunday morning to praise and worship God together. Please contact our pastor, the Rev. Dr. Joyce B. Duerr, for more information.

**SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WORSHIP & LUNCH** will take place on Sunday November 3. Please let us know if you are able to join us for lunch in Cottrell Hall following worship. Cottrell Hall is named in honor of the founding pastor of TBC, the Rev. Benjamin B. Cottrell.

**WEEKLY WORSHIP** continues each Sunday morning with messages from God's word brought by Pastor Joyce. The Tabernacle Choir brings a special musical offering each week. November worship liturgists include Deacon Susan Ryan, Deacon Martha Asermely, Maureen Seidel, and youth Mary Asermely.

**CHILDREN'S CHAT WITH THE PASTOR** is included in each Sunday worship service. The younger ones are dismissed for age appropriate Christian Education activities following Children's Chat.

**BIWEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** continues on November 10 & 24. We are using Rev. Anne Robertson's *Introducing the Old Testament* as our resource for this study. Contact the pastor to get your copy.

**HYMNSING @ NEBAY ASSISTED LIVING** takes place at 1:45 on the third Sunday of each month. We invite you to join us on November 17 as we sing familiar hymns of our faith.

**OUR NEW WEBSITE** check it out at [tabernaclebaptistchurchofhope.org](http://tabernaclebaptistchurchofhope.org). It includes a link to our Facebook page where you can hear our choir sing.

Tabernacle Baptist Church is located at 182 Seven Mile Road, Hope. The Rev. Dr. Joyce Duerr begins in her nineteenth year as pastor. We welcome all who seek to worship Jesus the Christ and desire to further their faith journey in fellowship with a community of believers.

## Please Join Us at Our Woods Walk

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9 AM, Saturday, April 12, 2014

Duhamel Woodlot, 16 Dexter Saunders Road

(Sponsored by So. NE Heritage Forest Program)

Come learn about how our woods helps protect wildlife habitat & water quality, and can provide us with firewood and timber! Walk will be led by forester Marc Tremblay.

Roland & Jeanne 647-3845

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Marc Tremblay

401.568.3410

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# *You Love Your Woods - What's Their Future?*



## **A Family's Legacy: Fifty Years Managed Woods**

Please join Woodland Ambassador Allen Woodward and his family for a tour of their woods in Thompson. For more than 50 years the Woodward family has managed their 150 acres of woods with long-term forest health and wildlife habitat as their goals. Allen's father was the CT Tree Farmer of the Year in the 1970's and his lasting legacy can be seen in the care and thoughtful stewardship that the family continues to this day. During the tour Allen will explain the results of a recent timber sale improvement, issues with invasive species, and concerns with deer browse on saplings as well as other areas of interest on this beautiful property. This walk also will provide an opportunity for participants to meet other local woodland owners, professional foresters, members of local land trusts, conservation commissions, and other people interested in their woods.

***If you own woods, this is a great chance to share information, and ask questions!***

**When: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon, Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> (rain date April 6<sup>th</sup>)**

**Where: 310 Wilsonville Road, Thompson, CT**

**RSVP: Contact Bill Reid at 860-774-3300 or e-mail [bill@tlgv.org](mailto:bill@tlgv.org)**

*Light refreshments will be served.*

*Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. No dogs please.*

This event is sponsored by the Southern New England Heritage Forest Partnership (SNEHFP), The Last Green Valley, Inc., and The Eastern CT Forest Landowners Association/Wolf Den Land Trust. SNEHFP is a 3-state working group of public and private partners combining efforts to ensure the future of our woods. This program is funded by a USDA Forest Service grant through the North East State Foresters Association.