

NORTHWOODS STEWARDSHIP CENTER

fostering stewardship of human and natural communities

The NorthWoods Stewardship Center is located in East Charleston Vermont within a 1,500 acre forested tract owned and managed by the Center. This tract is largely protected by conservation easements and has been managed for public recreation, scientific research, education, and sustainable forestry since 1985.

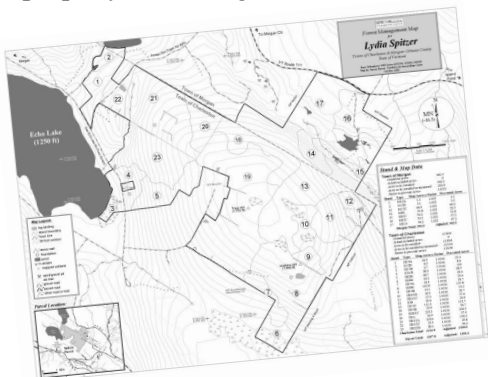
As forest caretakers ourselves, we know that landowners are most curious and passionate about their own lands. Through landowner assistance, we strive to cultivate this interest and to create a pattern of better land management across the region. Below is a sample of the services that we provide to landowners. Most of these require a basic fee to cover staff time and expenses, though some cost share opportunities may be available. For more information about the services listed below or costs, contact Jayson Benoit at 802-723-6551 x113 or Jayson@northwoodscenter.org.

Landowner Services: (2010)

Free Initial Consultation- *Our staff will briefly explore the property with the landowner, providing a broad assessment and recommendations, based upon landowner goals and existing resources. Donations are appreciated for mileage and time over the initial hour.*

Land Management Plans

Whether for enrollment into Vermont's Current Use Program or simply as a guiding document for a landowner, management plans are a sensible place to begin. Our land management staff can provide everything needed for a complete plan (or enrollment in Current Use) including; property inventory, maps, assistance with Current Use or cost share paperwork, and a final management plan. Cost varies depending upon parcel size and the information desired, but we are happy to provide a free estimate based upon your specific goals and ownership. In the case of Current Use plans, the cost is generally recovered within 1-2 years through property tax savings alone.



Forestry Services

Depending upon staff availability, we can prepare and manage timber harvests and other management operations including; trail layout, timber marking, coordinating loggers and truckers, and product marketing. We are happy to work with landowners who value preserving the long-term ecological health of their forest while managing for recreation, wildlife habitat, income, or other benefits.

Other Services Available

Note: Costs vary depending on the time, number of staff, and equipment required. Inquire for more details.

- GPS/GIS mapping of trails or other features
- Ecological inventories
- Invasive plant removal
- Apple tree release/ pruning
- Wildlife habitat improvement
- Timber Stand Improvement
- Natural community mapping
- Land-use history research
- Tree planting for riparian buffers
- Trail building/ maintenance
- One-on-one guided natural history hikes

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