



About Us

The Forest Stewardship Institute (FSI) was established in 2012 after the donation of nearly 1,400 acres of conserved forestland to NorthWoods Stewardship Center.

This institute stems from NorthWoods' 20 years of experience in the fields of forestry, conservation science, and education, combined with the opportunities that having a large parcel of land can provide. One of our primary goals is to have on- and off-site activities and resources to work towards the advancement of the public understanding of our Northern Forest and its sustainable management.

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Imagining A Sustainable Future

Through the promotion of stewardship and sustainable practices, we hope to help forest ecosystems thrive. Our goal is to instill a sense of responsibility for the landscape in our community, together creating a more vibrant natural world.



Learn more about our landowner services, workshops & educational visiting opportunities at:

northwoodscenter.org

Forest Stewardship

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Demonstration Forests

We have developed 6 Demonstration Sites which show examples of forest management techniques that we hope to encourage landowners to use in the future. We demonstrate: Timber Stand Improvement Through Area-Wide Thinning, Crop Tree Release, Forestry for the Birds, Multi-Use Ecological Pine Plantation Management, & Vernal Pool Management.

Student Groups

With forestry curriculum customized for our demonstration forest, we offer programs for students of all grade levels with lessons ranging from a very basic tree anatomy course to advanced silviculture and natural community identification courses. All courses include an element of team building, interactive learning, and as much time outdoors as possible to encourage a sense of comfort and familiarity with nature.

Workshops

We teach and host various workshops throughout the year for school groups, and have a wide variety of classes for landowners and adults. Our workshops include water quality talks, sustainable forestry courses, a class on how to use web-based tools to assess your own land, and many more.

Consulting Services

Property Visit

One of our on-staff foresters will walk your property with you and provide an overview of the variety of resources found there and options for managing or conserving these values. Included is a short written report of findings. Cost varies depending on parcel size and the depth of information desired.

Forestry Services

We can prepare and manage timber harvests and other management operations including: trail layout, timber marking, coordinating loggers and truckers, and product marketing. Our goal is to assist landowners who value preserving the long-term ecological health of their forest while managing for recreation, wildlife habitat, income, or other benefits.

Land Management Plans

Whether for enrollment in Vermont's Current Use Program or simply as a guiding document for a landowner, management plans are a smart place to begin. Our staff can provide everything needed for a complete plan (or enrollment in Current Use) including: property inventory, maps, assistance with enrollment paperwork, and a final management plan. Cost varies depending upon parcel size and the depth of information desired. Federal cost share money may be available to cover most of the cost of developing a management plan.

Conservation Science

Sustainable land management is as diverse as the plants and wildlife in your woods. Conservation science staff offer consultation about erosion/water quality concerns, invasive plants, ecological restoration, and more. We'll help assess your property, come up with a plan that meets your needs, and complete your project (or contract special work as needed).



Other Services Available

- GIS Mapping of Property Features & Resources
- Ecological Inventories
- Land-Use History Research
- Natural Community Mapping
- Tree Planting for Riparian Buffers
- Timber Stand Improvement
- Low Impact Timber Harvesting
- Local Hazard Mitigation Plans
- Flood Resilience Plans
- Invasive Plant Removal
- Wildlife Habitat Improvement
- Trail Building/Maintenance
- NRCS Project Implementation
- Certified Tree Farm Inspectors