What can NorthWoods do for me?

We work with every client to create the outcome they want. Whether you’re a seasoned woodsperson yourself, or if you’re still not sure if a timber harvest is right for you, we’ll help you make a plan.

We can...
- Prepare management plans (meeting standards for Current Use, Tree Farm and NRCS practices if desired)
- Evaluate ecologically sensitive sites
- Prepare harvest areas and mark timber
- Harvest and market timber
- Build multi-use trails
- Provide GIS mapping services

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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What does your forest look like? Large or small, your forest could benefit from Ecological Timber Management—using your land to grow valuable, sustainable products while maintaining the environment and its natural beauty.

What is low impact harvesting?
We believe in the value of your forest beyond the timber harvest, while recognizing its economic value (and your needs) right now. Forests of all sizes provide Ecosystem Services that make our world what it is.

Forests...
- Provide habitat for game and non-game wildlife
- Are a source for clean ground and surface water
- Give us a beautiful place for recreation
- Absorb carbon from the atmosphere
- ...and much more!

Low Impact means...
- Recognizing and protecting unique natural communities and habitat
- Minimizing soil compaction and trail area
- Protecting streams, ponds, vernal pools and ground water
- Guarding against erosion
- Practicing careful silviculture

What will your Woodlot look like in the Future?

“Leave nothing but footprints”
We use biodegradable chainsaw oil for all our work and biodegradable wood-fiber tape for temporary flagging.

With their many values and uses, it’s up to us to protect forests now, and for the future.

Why harvest timber on my land?
Maybe you see your woods as a source of lumber, firewood or other products... but maybe you don’t! So why cut down any of your trees? Careful timber harvesting could be beneficial to you and your local economy while helping to achieved your management goals—whether you’re interested in wildlife, finances, or simply the natural beauty of the woods.

- Restore a high-graded forest or plantation by identifying natural community types and promoting healthy, site-appropriate species
- Improve habitat to make your woods a go-to spot for birds, mammals or amphibians
- Build local with sustainably harvested wood... or sell your trees to local mills to support Vermont’s forest-based economy