



# NCWoodlands Review

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## *NCWoodlands*: What We're About

Welcome to the first-ever issue of *NCWoodlands Review*. *NCWoodlands* is an independent grassroots not-for-profit organization that provides its members with a voice on national, state, and local issues affecting North Carolina's private woodlands. Our mission is to advance the interests of North Carolina's woodland owners and to encourage responsible stewardship of their property. We also seek to educate all North Carolinians on the benefits of forestry including wealth creation, more wildlife, cleaner water, fewer wildfires, and healthier, more productive forests. Some of the benefits received with membership in *NCWoodlands* are...

### *NCWOODLANDS REVIEW*

All *NCWoodlands* members receive the *NCWoodlands Review* which keeps you up-to-date on items of interest across the state. Sometimes serious, sometimes fun, it's *always* informative.

### SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS

As a member of *NCWoodlands*, you have special opportunities to attend educational meetings across the state. Workshops on wildlife habitat enhancement, proper thinning, income and estate tax planning, prescribed burning, water quality, landowner liability, and profitable timber marketing help keep you informed on important forestry issues.



### GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

*NCWoodlands* is proactive in addressing legislation and regulations to help private woodland owners practice forestry profitably and productively. When things happen in Raleigh and elsewhere that affect you, we'll be there to protect your interests.



### NATIONAL WOODLANDS MAGAZINE

Every active *NCWoodlands* member receives *NATIONAL WOODLANDS* magazine through our affiliation with the NATIONAL WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION. Published quarterly, each edition is loaded with current, practical information on forestry issues important to you.



### DISCOUNT LIABILITY INSURANCE

At the Supporting Member level, you have access to competitive rates for \$1,000,000 coverage on Hunting Lease Liability or Woodland Liability insurance through the NATIONAL WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION.

For more information on *NCWoodlands* call 919-787-1220 or email [ncwoodlands@bellsouth.net](mailto:ncwoodlands@bellsouth.net). ■

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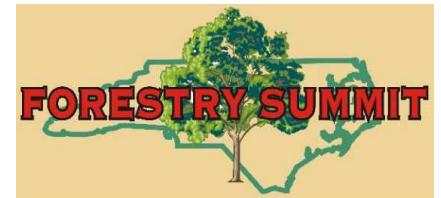
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After a few weeks, check your mailbox for your Membership Certificate, the most recent edition of *NCWoodlands Review* and your *NATIONAL WOODLANDS* magazine.

## Regional Working Forest Summits Draw Over 650

Standing-room-only crowds totaling over 650 people attended the recent Regional Working Forest Summits held in Williamston, Fletcher, and Elon. Designed for woodland owners but open to anyone with an interest in our natural environment, the three summits successfully informed participants about strategies for conserving forestland in our rapidly urbanizing state. The rapid-fire agenda included forestry experts from the NC Division of Forest Resources and NC State University addressing use-value property taxes, alternative sources of income, conservation easements, cost-sharing programs, and income and estate tax planning.



Summit attendees also heard from woodland owners who are practicing sound forestry on their land. Buncombe County teacher and owner of *Cloud Nine Farms* Janet Shisler told the Fletcher audience that, in spite of her initial skepticism, she is able to practice sound, sustainable forestry while maintaining the aesthetics of her 200-acre property. She recommended landowners retain the services of a competent consulting forester. "They can see the forest *and* the trees," she said. Rick Eddins, a Wake County legislator and North Carolina landowner, emphasized the importance of planning in conducting forest management activities. "Planning! Planning! Planning!...Get the experts [foresters] to help," he told the summit participants, "They more than pay for themselves." Caldwell County resident John Jett told audience members that they must "get involved in the political process" and said they could be a "force in protecting property rights."

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Keynote speakers for the summits included Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC), Congressman Charles H. Taylor (R-NC), and NC Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler. Congressman Butterfield told the Williamston summit that "we need a five year plan for educating landowners on the importance of forestry through the Cooperative Extension Service."



*A few of the 200+ Williamston Summit participants*

He also spoke of the benefits of professional forestry advice noting that landowners who received assistance prior to a timber sale "averaged 23% more income from timber sales, 64% higher price per board foot and projected future incomes 120% higher due to improved management." In Fletcher, Congressman Taylor echoed this line of thought: "Education in scientific [forest] management is crucial" to landowners. Ag Commissioner Steve Troxler noted to the Elon audience the many opportunities available from integrating agriculture and forestry to produce alternative incomes for landowners.



*One of the many NC Cooperative Extension Service exhibit visitors at the Summits*

Each of the afternoon sessions ended with panel discussion by foresters with varying backgrounds and perspectives. Association of Consulting Foresters member Bill Lock of Greensboro said that fragmentation of ownerships was making practicing forestry in a traditional sense more difficult. In the future, loggers will change the way they do business to work on a smaller scale. Fred White, a forester with *The Forestland Group*, said that the adverse economics of smaller ownerships could be overcome by growing large veneer-

quality hardwood. Larry Tombaugh, owner of *Sylvan Resources* in Cary and outgoing President of the NC Forestry Association, summed it up by saying changes in forestry were inevitable and while there will be less timber available in the future, "smart people can take advantage of change." ■

### 2005 Working Forest Summit Co-sponsors

Association of Consulting Foresters - NC Chapter  
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Sustainable Forestry Initiative - NC SIC  
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US Fish & Wildlife Service

## Have You Heard?

*While not yet in full swing (it's still winter after all) many songbirds have started already their spring songs and are laying out their territory for nesting season. Tomorrow morning when you go out to get your paper, listen and you'll hear them hard at work!*

## Forestry Workshops Scheduled in April

NCWoodlands is sponsoring four informational meetings across the state in April for private woodland owners. Entitled **Clean Water and Abundant Wildlife Through Forestry**, the meetings will be held at the NC Cooperative Extension Service offices in Bertie County on April 6th, Robeson County on April 13th, Stanly County on April 20th, and Rutherford County on April 27th. Anyone interested in discovering simple forestry practices that protect water quality and soil productivity while improving habitat for "critters" like deer, turkeys, rabbits, ducks, and squirrels is welcome. Event co-sponsors include the NC Cooperative Extension Service, NC Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters, NC Division of Forest Resources, NC Farm

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Bureau, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative in North Carolina.

The first part of the program will be **"Preharvest Planning."** Consulting Forester Stephen Whitfield, RF, ACF will show participants things to do *before* a harvest that will help protect and enhance the land's long-term productivity and water quality.

The second session is entitled **"Keeping Water Clean During Timber Harvests."** BMP Forester Tom Gerow, RF of the NC Division of Forest Resources will detail what *Best Management Practices* (BMPs) are and how they help protect and enhance our state's soil and water resources.

The evening's final presentation will be **"Wildlife Friendly Forestry."** Chris Moorman, PhD, Wildlife Specialist with Extension Forestry at NC State University will offer attendees cost-effective ways to integrate BMPs with habitat management for "critters" that are important to every nature lover.

For more meeting information or to register your attendance, call **NCWoodlands** Executive Director Stephen A. Whitfield at 919-787-1220 or email [ncwoodlands@bellsouth.net](mailto:ncwoodlands@bellsouth.net) ■

### Clean Water and Abundant Wildlife Through Forestry Info...

#### Dates & Locations

- April 6<sup>th</sup>  
Bertie Co. Extension Center  
Windsor
- April 13<sup>th</sup>  
Robeson Co. Extension Center  
Lumberton
- April 20<sup>th</sup>  
Stanly Co. Agri-Civic Center  
Albemarle
- April 27<sup>th</sup>  
Rutherford Co. Extension Center  
Spindale

**Registration**  
6:30 pm

**Program**  
7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Cost**  
**NCWoodlands** members - \$10  
Nonmembers - \$15  
(Join **NCWoodlands** for \$10 more!)  
Spouses/guests - \$5 each

Seating is limited and advance reservations are required at least three (3) business days prior to each meeting. For more info, call 919-787-1220 or email [ncwoodlands@bellsouth.net](mailto:ncwoodlands@bellsouth.net)

## TR and Honesty

Among Theodore Roosevelt's greatest contributions to America was his work for conservation. During his seven and a half years as our twenty-sixth President, he provided federal protection for almost 230 million acres, a land area equivalent to that of all the East coast states from Maine to Florida. He designated 150 National Forests, the first 51 Federal Bird Reservations, 5 National Parks, the first 18 National Monuments, the first 4 National Game Preserves, and the first 21 Reclamation Projects.



Theodore Roosevelt circa 1900

On May 12, 1900, prior to becoming President at age 42, the then New York governor had the following to say about honesty:

*"We can afford to differ on the currency, the tariff, and foreign policy; but we cannot afford to differ on the question of honesty if we expect our republic permanently to endure..."*

*"Honesty is not so much a credit as an absolute prerequisite to efficient service to the public. Unless a man is*

*"Of all the public men that I have known, on both sides of the Atlantic (and there are few that I have not known in the past thirty years), he [Roosevelt] stands out the greatest, and as the most potent influence for good upon the life of his generation."*

---Viscount Lee of Fareham  
English statesman

*honest, we have no right to keep him in public life; it matters not how brilliant his capacity."*

*"The weakling and the coward cannot be saved by honesty alone; but without honesty, the brave and able man is merely a civic wild beast who should be hunted down by every lover of righteousness."*

*"No man who is corrupt, no man who condones corruption in others, can possibly do his duty by the community..."*  
*"Liar" is just as ugly a word as "thief," because it implies the presence of just as ugly a sin in one case as in the other. If a man lies under oath or procures the lie of another under oath, if he perjures himself or suborns perjury, he is guilty under the statute law."*

*"Under the higher law, under the great law of morality and righteousness, he is precisely as guilty if, instead of lying in a court, he lies in a newspaper or on the stump; and in all probability, the evil effects of his conduct are infinitely more widespread and more pernicious."*

We need a few TR's today! ■

## Upcoming Events Calendar

March 13-14, 2006

**Energy From Wood: Exploring Issues and Impacts for North Carolina** – Jane S. McKimmon Center – NC State University – Raleigh

Learn much of the known information about potential impacts and opportunities on North Carolina's forests from a woody biomass economy.

Call 919-515-9563 or on the web go to [www.ces.ncsu.edu/nreos/forest/feop/Agenda2006/energy/](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/nreos/forest/feop/Agenda2006/energy/) for more information.

**April 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2006 – Clean Water and Abundant Wildlife Through Forestry** – NC Cooperative Extension Service offices – Bertie, Robeson, Stanly, & Rutherford Counties

Discover simple, cost-effective forestry practices that protect water quality and soil productivity while improving habitat for "critters" like deer, turkeys, rabbits, ducks, songbirds, and squirrels. Call 919-787-1220 for more information.

May 8, 10, & 12, 2006

**Working Forest Summits** – SE, NE, & NW North Carolina (Specific locations TBA)

Hear from both landowners and foresters about ways to maintain and enhance private woodlands. Information on property, income, and estate taxes, innovative wealth creation, and conservation easements will all be presented with plenty of time for discussion. Pre-registration is required! Call 919-733-2162 Ext. 201 for more information.



The North Carolina Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters (NCACF) approved a \$500 contribution to *NCWoodlands* at their recent business meeting in Danville, Virginia. The vote was unanimous.

"North Carolina's private forest owners need an independent voice like *NCWoodlands*," said Wilkes County ACF member Andrew Casey. "That's why I made the motion for us [NCACF] to contribute."

"I'm excited about our chapter helping *NCWoodlands* get started. We [NCACF] share *NCWoodlands*' goal of increasing public awareness of North Carolina's forestland and its importance to the economic and environmental health of the state," said Bill Lock, NCACF's immediate past chairman. "This is another way ACF members can partner with landowners to create wealth, improve wildlife habitat, and make forests healthier."

NCACF Chapter Chairman John Monroe added, "Our [NCACF's] contribution is one indication of our commitment to helping private woodland owners understand the multiple benefits of practicing forestry on their land. We challenge other like-minded groups to do the same."

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*To promote responsible stewardship of North Carolina's woodlands through sound and sustainable forest management.*