Sustainable Forestry for Kentucky

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SFI IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE Kentucky

This brochure is brought to you by the KY SIC (www.kfia.org/sfi.cfm). It contains basic guidelines developed to help you (the landowner) manage your forest resource. Listed are organizations and agencies you may contact for information and technical assistance who can assist you in making management decisions. You are encouraged to contact them for advice and questions on forest management. Superscript notations match additional information on the agency or organization cited.

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78% of Kentucky's woodlands are owned by private landowners.

Timber harvesting helps maintain the wide variety of forest types required by Kentucky's diverse wildlife populations.

Kentucky's forests are dominated by naturally regenerating hardwoods such as oaks, maples, hickories and yellow-poplar. Site preparation & reforestation methods in your area should be studied depending on the preceding land use (reforestation vs. afforestation). Learn more at: www.htirc.org

WILDLIFE, SPECIAL SITES AND WATER QUALITY

Professional foresters and wildlife biologists assist forest landowners in protecting habitat for species to improve biodiversity, identify & manage special sites and forests with exceptional conservation values (FECVs), .
Learn more at: www.natureserve.org and/or www.naturepreserves.ky.gov

The Kentucky Master Logger Program[1] is the statewide comprehensive continuing education program for loggers. The program trains loggers to use Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect water quality.

The Certified Master Logger Program[2] is 3rd party certified and logging firms agree to follow the 37 specific standards of good logging.

Each program has searchable websites and lists to locate trained and certified loggers in your area.

FOREST HEALTH AND INVASIVE SPECIES

A looming threat to the integrity of Kentucky's native ecosystems is invasive plants, insects and diseases. Landowners should learn to recognize invasive species so that they can be eliminated. Get local information at www.kyforesthealth.org your own guide at www.invasive.org/eastern/srs.

TREE OF HEAVEN

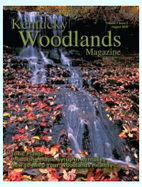
VISUAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Public perception of forestry activities is influenced by visual impressions. Visual quality management is the application of forestry practices that enhance the visual quality of forests that are being managed for forest products. Visit: www.aces.edu/forestry/aesthetics

FOREST BIOMASS UTILIZATION

With careful planning and by following BMPs , biomass harvesting can be accomplished. Landowners should consult qualified resource professionals[3&4] to ensure this type of harvest is right for their property.

PROFESSIONAL FORESTRY ASSISTANCE



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Visit www.ca.uky.edu/KYWoodlandsmagazine/about.php to subscribe today.

[3]Professional foresters with the Kentucky Division of Forestry assist private landowners with developing multiple-use forest management plans. The Division of Forestry should also be contacted to report a forest fire or to answer questions about water quality regulations on Kentucky timber harvesting operations. Call the Kentucky Division of Forestry 800-866-0555 or visit their web site. www.forestry.ky.gov

[4]Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters provide woodland owners with a range of forestry services including timber sales, forest management planning, trespass evaluation and other forestry related services. Visit their website at www.kacf.org

Private lands biologists with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources accompany foresters and assist landowners in developing wildlife habitat management plans. Landowners can call the Department of Fish and Wildlife 800-858-1549 or visit their web site. www.kdfwr.state.ky.us

[1]As required by the Kentucky Forest Conservation Act the Kentucky Master Logger Program provides professional certification and continuing education for all operators engaged in commercial timber harvesting in Kentucky. Visit the Kentucky Master Logger website to find professional timber harvesting operators in your area. Call the Master Logger office 859-257-6230 or visit their website. www.masterlogger.org

[2]A voluntary point-of-harvest certification program for Kentucky & Tennessee Master Loggers that has undergone 3rd party certification. The program provides another layer of assurance to landowners that they are dealing with a logger certified to standards of good logging. Call the Master Logger office 859-257-6230 or visit their website. www.certifiedmasterlogger.com

The primary goal of the Kentucky Woodland Owners Association (KWOA) is to help Kentucky forest landowners attain the best long-range dollar return from their forestland, while at the same time maintaining a healthy forest. KWOA achieves this goal through legislative action, networking, building solidarity, and providing educational programs for woodland owners. Call the KWOA office 606-876-3423 or visit their website to learn how you can get involved. www.kwoa.net

The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service has Agricultural Extension Agents in each Kentucky County. Extension agents provide landowners with access to current forestry information available from researchers at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. Your local extension office is listed in the phone book or you can find it at www.ca.uky.edu/county/

Kentucky wood industries provide more than 30,000 jobs and annually add more than $6 billion dollars to Kentucky's economy. The Kentucky Forest Industries Association (KFIA) represents more than 1,100 companies that produce a wide range of wood products including lumber, paper, hardwood flooring, cabinets and baseball bats to name a few. Other KFIA member companies include equipment manufacturers and companies that provide services that support all aspects of Kentucky's extensive wood industry. KFIA promotes sustainable forestry through the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® and is Kentucky's sponsoring organization for **Log-A-Load for Kids** which supports the Kentucky Children's Hospital. Call the KFIA office at 502-695-3979 or visit their website. www.kfia.org