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Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Implementation Committee (SIC)

NEWS

Program Update

SIC Leadership Update

The Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee (SIC) is comprised of many knowledgeable and dedicated volunteers who, in addition to their regular day-to-day duties make the commitment to show up to meetings, support and guide the program, and contribute their valuable input.

Leadership of the SIC is provided by our Chair and Vice-Chair and December 31st marked the end of Mark McCall's two-year term as chair of the organization. Mark is the Senior Wood Procurement Forester for Domtar in Johnsonburg, PA. Under his leadership the SIC modernized our mission and developed strategies for expanding industry support of the organization. Mark was presented with an engraved clock on behalf of the SIC in appreciation of his service. He will continue his involvement with the program as a member of the SIC.

Jason Wenrich assumed the Chair position at the beginning of the year and will serve for 2021-2022. Jason is FORECON's Director of Business Development / Chief Forester and is based out of the State College, Pennsylvania office. Jason represents SFI Certified Program Participant Forest Investment Associates on the SIC.

Garin Peck, Clearing and Environmental Project Manager at Metzler Forest Products, was elected as Vice-Chair.



Outgoing SIC Chair, Mark McCall



Incoming Chair, Jason Wenrich (left), and Vice-Chair, Garin Peck (right)

Training Update

Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, we are continuing to promote virtual alternatives to our traditional in-person logger training programs. As was the case in the fall, in-person training will be limited in availability and will mainly consist of Game of Logging courses and a few Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials courses. In-person trainings are intended for individuals that do not have the ability to participate in online training. We encourage training participants to explore the online continuing education (CE) courses outlined on our website (<https://sfiopfpa.org/pages/online-logger-training/>). Much of this training can be completed now or in the near future.

Currently, the SIC has approved a number of self-paced/asynchronous logger training courses that could provide more than 10 years worth of CE credit. Self-paced/asynchronous online courses give training participants the flexibility to complete training when it is most convenient for them. Each program requires different verification methods and approved credit amounts vary. Courses can not be repeated within a 5 year period.

The SIC also reviews and approves webinar offerings for CE credit as well. Individuals must participate in live sessions to receive CE credit. CE credit will not be approved for reviewing recorded webinars.

Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) Program

SFI (www.sfiprogram.org), is a solutions-oriented sustainability organization that collaborates on forest-based conservation and community initiatives that demonstrate and enhance our shared quality of life while providing supply chain assurances through standards, data, and authentic stories.

At the heart of the SFI Program are SFI Implementation Committees (SICs). The Pennsylvania SIC is one of 34 spread across North America that responds to local needs and issues through the SFI Program at the local level. This grassroots network is unique to the SFI Program.

The Pennsylvania SIC's purpose is to promote wise forest stewardship, enabling Pennsylvania communities to thrive through a successful forest products industry. We work hard to support business operations by training and developing the logger workforce, educating the public about the value of working forests, promoting SFI forest certification, and assisting with regulatory issues. Our alliance of deeply committed professionals from across the forestry community builds partnerships with many other conservation organizations who depend on the forest industry to advance their own missions. These relationships allow us to serve with great impact.

Learn more at www.sfiopa.org

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These companies operate in Pennsylvania and are certified to be in conformance with the SFI Standard. They also provide direct involvement and financial support to the Pennsylvania SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC).

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DEP Provides Conservation Districts with Guidance on E&S Plan Reviews

Many timber harvesters in Pennsylvania are running into issues with municipal ordinances that require written Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plans (E&S Plans) be submitted to and approved by the local County Conservation District prior to the granting of a timber harvesting permit, even when there is no state regulatory requirement to do so. Most, if not all, County Conservation Districts charge a review fee for these approvals, and those fees unnecessarily add several hundred or even thousands of dollars to the cost of a timber harvesting operation.

Through Act 38 of 2005, also known as "ACRE" (Agriculture, Communities and Rural Environment) the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has specifically addressed this issue with a number of municipalities across the state. While each ordinance issue reviewed through ACRE is unique and fact specific, and the determinations of one review do not necessarily have predictive value as to how the OAG would handle future cases, the OAG has stated that "[T]he [Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP)] erosion and sediment control regulations do not require submission of an E&S plan to the Conservation District and the Conservation District has no role in DEP's approving of such plans." The OAG further stated "The Township may, at its own expense, submit an applicant's E&S Plan to the Conservation District for review to check compliance with the regulations."

Because the Conservation Districts' authority is delegated to them by DEP, the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association wrote a letter to the Department in July of 2020 about this issue and requested that the Conservation Districts be provided with guidance on E&S plan reviews.

In their December 2nd response, DEP provided the following guidance to the Conservation Districts, which might also be helpful to timber harvesters and administrators.

- **Districts are not prohibited from reviewing E&S Plans under the ACRE law.** If a landowner/operator or municipality requests a District to review an E&S Plan, the District may do so.
- Even where an E&S Plan is not required to be reviewed prior to earth disturbance, **if an E&S Plan is required to be developed and implemented, it must be available on site during all stages of the earth disturbance activity** (25 Pa. Code § 102.4(b)(8)). DEP or the District can request to review the E&S Plan at any time during an inspection or upon complaint (25 Pa. Code § 102.4(b)(9)). If a landowner/operator refuses to provide their E&S Plan upon request in one of these situations, the refusal may constitute a violation of Chapter 102 and should be addressed through appropriate enforcement means.
- According to the Attorney General, **municipalities may not require a landowner/operator to submit an E&S Plan to DEP or a District if Chapter 102 does not require such a review.** Although DEP does not enforce the ACRE law, DEP respects the opinion of the Attorney General. If a District is aware of a municipal ordinance that requires a landowner to submit an E&S Plan for review outside of Chapter 102 requirements, the District can suggest that the municipality review their ordinance and the opinions of the Attorney General's office on this issue. The District cannot provide legal advice, however the Attorney General's website provides publicly-available resources on the ACRE law that may be of assistance to the municipality (see, for example, www.attorneygeneral.gov/resources/acre/).
- Districts and municipalities may enter into MOUs that include the review of timber harvesting E&S Plans, however, in accordance with the opinion of the Attorney General, any such MOU should not require that landowners/operators submit E&S Plans to the District if not otherwise required to do so under Chapter 102. An MOU that allows the municipality to submit E&S Plans for review at the municipality's sole expense is acceptable. Districts should review any existing MOUs with municipalities to ensure that the MOU is not in conflict with the opinions of the Attorney General regarding the ACRE law.

Both letters are available on the Pennsylvania SFI website:

<https://sfiopa.org/page/environmental-regulations/#ACRE>

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State of the Forest Products Industry Report Released

On October 21, 2020, during National Forest Products Week, the Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council (HDC) released a report detailing the State of the Forest Products Industry in the Commonwealth. The report is the result of a partnership with the Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group, the Keystone Wood Products Association, the Northern Tier Hardwood Association, the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee, and the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association.

The original intent of the report was to educate legislators and the general public on the commonwealth's forest products industry. It soon transformed into much more through the collaboration with several other state agencies and industry associations.

The document is a detailed, all-encompassing resource that provides not only valuable statistical information summarized over the last decade, but also includes updates on every portion of the industry, forest products career programs, and information on various other forestry related organizations.

Pennsylvania's forest products industry depends on the complete supply chain, from stump to shelf, for not only a healthy industry but also for healthy forests.

You can read the full 51-page report at the Department of Agriculture's HDC webpage:

<https://bit.ly/3qdY3A0>

Update on Logger Relief Funds

The Emergency Coronavirus Relief Act of 2020 that passed Congress in late December includes language appropriating \$200 million in funding for those logging and log trucking businesses that saw a greater than 10% loss in gross revenues from January 1 through December 1, 2020 related to the COVID-19 pandemic, as compared to revenues for the same period in 2019.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is charged with distributing the funds. Legislation states that

the intent of the bill is to provide the logging sector with a measure of equity alongside other agricultural producers impacted by COVID-19.

Despite urging by the Senate in early February for the USDA to move quickly on distributing the relief funding, nothing has been reported at this time about how or when that will occur.

The Senate confirmed Tom Vilsack as Secretary of the USDA on February 23rd. With the Secretary now in place there is hope that the process for distributing the COVID relief package for America's loggers will soon follow.

PFPA & HDC Leadership Updates

On December 1, 2020, Matt Gabler took over the Executive Director position for the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association (PFPA).

Matt had previously represented the 75th District (Clearfield/Elk) in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for six terms since his first election in 2008. As a member of the State House, Gabler successfully authored legislation that enacted the extension of an agricultural sales tax exclusion for equipment and parts to the timber operators in Pennsylvania. He has also extensively worked with the industry to support issues of importance for economic competitiveness.

In addition to a new Executive Director, PFPA also has a new address. While their phone numbers remain the same, the address has changed to 212 North 3rd Street, Suite 203, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

Additionally the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has announced that Roger Anderson will be the next Executive Director of the Hardwoods Development Council. Roger has spent the last 25 years in the hardwoods industry here in Pennsylvania working for various companies and most recently with Durabuilt Homes. He officially begins his duties on March 15th.

Current Acting Executive Director Jonathan Geyer will be assuming a new role as the Assistant Director.



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PA SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program

The Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program is geared towards commercial timber harvesters; however, it is open to any individual interested in participating. Courses are offered in the spring (mid-March through mid-May) and the fall (mid-September through mid-November) at locations across Pennsylvania each year.

Learn more:

www.sfiopa.org/requirements

Register for classes:

www.sfiopa.org/register

Find SFI Qualified Logging Professionals or review your training records:

www.sfiopa.org/search



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NEWS

2021 Timber Show

Pennsylvania's Forest Products
Equipment and Technology Exposition

June 4-5, 2021

The 2021 Timber Show will once again be held at Penn State's Ag Progress Days site at 2710 W. Pine Grove Rd., Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa. Centrally located and easily accessible, the 55 acres of exhibition grounds will include indoor and outdoor exhibits, with on-site and "in-the-woods" demonstrations of state-of-the-art timber harvesting machinery. Free admission and parking.

<http://agsci.psu.edu/timber>

Attendees can explore the equipment and services of an estimated 100-plus exhibitors that are focused on serving the needs of the forest products industry. See up-

close machinery demonstrations, experience new and emerging technology, visit with business assistance specialists, and attend seminars to learn about new ideas and business opportunities - all with free admission and free parking. This year's program will again feature a Log a Load for Kids Charity Truck Parade.

The Pennsylvania SIC will again be offering a 4-hour continuing education training course for SFI logger training participants on the Friday (June 4th) at the event. Attendees can participate for 1 year of CE credit. The public is welcome to attend the event for free, but training program participants wishing to receive CE credit must preregister (\$20). Walk-ups will be accepted, but preregistration is encouraged to ensure adequate seating and handouts. Register on the PA SFI website (www.sfiopa.org/register) or by using the enclosed form.

2021 Spring Training Schedule

ONLINE TRAINING

Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19 we are continuing to conduct most of our logger training programs online. The Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee is offering the following discounted online training opportunities this fall. We encourage all training participants to pursue online training as their first option.

- These online core and continuing education classes require a high-speed internet connection, and a computer or smart phone with a functioning camera, speakers, and microphone.
- To register for any the following online courses, please visit: www.sfiopa.org/register

CORE

- Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials can be taken for CE Credit, IF you have not already completed the training in the last 5 years
- Both Part 1 and Part 2 must be completed to receive credit for Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials. Participants can only register for consecutive day classes.

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost	Register By
03/31/21 Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 1 (4 hours)	Online	\$ 40.00	03/19/2021
04/01/21 Thurs	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 2 (4 hours)			
04/21/21 Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 1 (4 hours)	Online	\$ 40.00	03/26/2021
04/22/21 Thurs	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 2 (4 hours)			
05/11/21 Tues	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 1 (4 hours)	Online	\$ 40.00	04/16/2021
05/12/21 Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 2 (4 hours)			
05/17/21 Mon	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 1 (4 hours)	Online	\$ 40.00	05/07/2021
05/18/21 Tues	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 2 (4 hours)			

CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING

- One (1) year of CE credit is given for each four (4) hours of training completed. Refer to the Program Policy for complete details on training requirements: www.sfiopa.org/requirements

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost	Register By
04/13/21 Tues	8:00 AM	Wildlife Young Forest Initiative (4 hours)	Online	\$ 45.00	04/06/2021
04/27/21 Tues	8:30 AM	Erosion Control in Our Forests (4 hours)	Online	\$ 20.00	04/20/2021
04/28/21 Wed	8:00 AM	Sustainable Timber Harvesting (4 hours)	Online	\$ 20.00	04/21/2021
05/14/21 Fri	12:00 PM	Wildlife Young Forest Initiative (4 hours)	Online	\$ 45.00	05/07/2021
05/20/21 Thurs	8:00 AM	A Little About Contracts for the Logging Professional (5 hours)	Online	\$ 65.00	05/13/2021

SELF-PACED/ASYNCHRONOUS ONLINE LOGGER TRAINING COURSES

- Self-paced/Asynchronous online courses give training participants the flexibility to complete training when it is most convenient for them. The user is in control of what they learn, when they learn it, and where they learn it.
- Several self-directed training courses for loggers have been approved for continuing education (CE) credit in the Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program. The courses are all free to complete, but the cost to submit credits to the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee can range from \$20 to \$84 for one (1) year of CE credit.
- These online continuing education classes require a high-speed internet connection, and a computer or smart phone with functioning speakers.
- To learn more and participate in approved online logger training courses go to: <https://sfiopa.org/page/online-training/>

IN-PERSON TRAINING

In-person training is reserved for those that do not have the means to participate in online training courses. In-person training options are limited in the number of participants per class and frequency of offerings so please do not register if you are able to complete online training. **IN-PERSON TRAINING PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW ALL NECESSARY COVID19 PRECAUTIONS.**

- To register for in-person courses, please visit: www.sfiopa.org/register, or submit the registration form on the back of this page.

CORE+

- Basic First Aid & Adult CPR does NOT qualify for continuing education credit
- Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials and/or Game of Logging - Level 1 can be taken for CE Credit, IF you have not already completed the training in the last 5 years

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost	Register By
03/31/21 Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Pine Grove (Schuylkill County)	\$ 85.00	03/24/2021
04/09/21 Fri	9:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Johnsonburg (Elk County)	\$ 50.00 +	04/02/2021
04/13/21 Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Laughlinton (Westmoreland County)	\$ 95.00	04/06/2021
04/16/21 Fri	9:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Emmlenton (Venango County)	\$ 50.00 +	04/09/2021
04/21/21 Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Johnsonburg (Elk County)	\$ 85.00	04/14/2021
04/23/21 Fri	9:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Punxsutawney (Jefferson County)	\$ 50.00 +	04/16/2021
05/05/21 Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Dauphin (Dauphin County)	\$ 85.00	04/28/2021
05/14/21 Fri	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Laurelton (Snyder County)	\$ 95.00	05/07/2021
05/18/21 Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 95.00	05/11/2021
05/19/21 Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Kylertown (Clearfield County)	\$ 85.00	05/12/2021
05/24/21 Mon	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Brickerville (Lancaster County)	\$ 95.00	05/17/2021

- ✦ Employees insured through Eastern Alliance Insurance Group can have the registration fee for Game of Logging classes paid by WJ Cox Insurance. Please submit proof of insurance with your reg. form.
- ✦ Northern Tier Hardwood Association Members can apply for a 50% reimbursement of registration costs after completing courses. Contact NTHA at (570) 265-7753.
- ✦ Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group (AHUG) has generously subsidized 50% of the registration fee for this Basic First Aid and Adult CPR training.

CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING

> One (1) year of CE credit is given for each four (4) hours of training completed. Refer to the Program Policy for complete details on training requirements: www.sfiopa.org/requirements

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost *	Register By
04/14/21 Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	Laughlontown (Westmoreland County)	\$ 95.00	04/07/2021
04/15/21 Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 4 (8 hours)	Laughlontown (Westmoreland County)	\$ 95.00	04/08/2021
05/06/21 Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 3 (8 hours)	Titusville (Venango County)	\$ 95.00	04/29/2021
05/07/21 Fri	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Storm Damage Cleanup (8 hours)	Titusville (Venango County)	\$ 95.00	04/30/2021
06/03/21 Thurs	2:00 PM	52 nd Annual Loggers & Saw Millers Spring Safety Meeting (4 hours)	Ridgeway (Elk County)	\$ 20.00	05/27/2021
06/04/21 Fri	1:00 PM	Timber Show CE Update (4 hours)	PA Furnace (Huntingdon County)	\$ 20.00	05/28/2021

- * Employees insured through Eastern Alliance Insurance Group can have the registration fee for Game of Logging classes paid by WJ Cox Insurance. Please submit proof of insurance with your reg. form.
- * Northern Tier Hardwood Association Members can apply for a 50% reimbursement of registration costs after completing courses. Contact NTHA at 570-265-7753.

2021 Spring Course Registration Form (In-Person Courses Only)

- > **THIS TRAINING SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE AT ANY TIME WITHOUT ADVANCED NOTIFICATION.** For current training offerings please visit: www.sfiopa.org/register
- > Registration fees are **non-refundable and non-transferrable** after the course registration deadline if the course is held and you do not attend.
- > Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Your space in a course will not be reserved until the registration fee is paid. Please do not delay in making payment or your space could be given to another participant.
- > Courses may be cancelled if a minimum number of students are not registered by the registration deadline. Please register on time.
- > **IN-PERSON TRAINING PARTICIPANTS MUST AGREE TO ADHERE TO ALL NECESSARY COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS**
- > For a full description of the Training Program Policies, please visit www.sfiopa.org/requirements or contact the PA SIC office (mark@sfiopa.org / 814-230-2866)

ATTENDEE	COURSE DATE	COURSE NAME	COURSE LOCATION	COST
(Please Print Clearly / One Course Participant Per Form)				
Name: (Full First, Middle Initial, Last)				
Home Mailing Address:				
Home or Cell Phone: () _____ - _____				
Email:				
Occupation (circle one):				
☐ Forester ☐ Logger-owner ☐ Logger-employee ☐ Landowner ☐ Office personnel ☐ Truck driver ☐ Other				
Make checks payable to: "Pennsylvania SIC" Mail to: PA SFI Implementation Committee 748 Gravel Point Road Howard, PA 16841			Total Amount Enclosed:	
Class location and additional information will be sent to you when we receive your registration and payment				

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CORE TRAINING:

Required to receive a PA SFI® Professional Timber Harvester Training Card. All 3 requirements must be completed (in any order) within 2 years. Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials and/or Game of Logging Level 1 can be taken for CE Credit, IF you have not already completed the training in the last 5 years.

- > **Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)** - Covers general safety considerations, chainsaw safety, logging equipment safety (harvesters, loaders, skidders, etc.), trucking safety and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standards that apply to timber harvesting and related activities. Also covers pertinent aspects of Pennsylvania's Clean Streams laws and other water resource protection regulations, Best Management Practices (BMPs), hazardous material control, and logging aesthetics.
- > **Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)** - Focuses on introducing the participant to the "open face" felling technique and the development of skills to safely use it. Topics covered include personal protective equipment, chainsaw safety features, chainsaw reactive forces, bore cutting, pre-planning the fell, and understanding hinge wood strength. Participants need safety equipment (hard hat, chaps, eye protection, ear protection, and sturdy boots), water, lunch, and should be prepared to spend the day outside (rain or shine). Participants are not required to provide their own chainsaw.
- > **First Aid & CPR (4 hours)** - Because timber harvesting is a hazardous occupation, OSHA regulations require that everyone who works in the woods maintain current First Aid & CPR training from a provider who can issue a certificate or a card as documentation of hands on training (i.e. no online certifications will be accepted). Individuals do not need to complete this training through the PA SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program; however, they must provide proof of First Aid & CPR certification to receive their initial training card (we cannot accept the MSHA 5000-23 form as satisfaction of this requirement). Course duration varies by instructor. **DOES NOT COUNT FOR CE CREDIT.**

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE):

One (1) year of CE credit is given for each four (4) hours of CE training completed. CE credits can only extend your card date a maximum of three (3) years from the current calendar year. CE credit will not be awarded for taking the same class more than once in a five (5) year period.

- > **2021 Timber Show (4 hours)** - This year's CE Update will focus on invasive species management and control. It will mostly be held in the field.
- > **52nd Annual Loggers and Saw Millers Spring Safety Meeting (4 hours)** - TO RECEIVE CE CREDIT PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND BOTH THE SFI UPDATE CLASS AND THE ANNUAL SAFETY MEETING THAT FOLLOWS. THIS WILL BE MORE THAN A 4 HOUR TIME COMMITMENT. Come be a part of the oldest logging safety meeting in the United States. Free dinner and door prizes.
- > **A Little About Contracts for the Logging Professional (4 hours)** - Presented in partnership with NY Logger Training, this course covers important basics of good contracts for timber harvesters.
- > **Erosion Control in Our Forests (4 hours)** - This online workshop discusses Pennsylvania's environmental regulatory requirements (chapters 93, 102, & 105 of PA Code). It discusses planning before the harvest, stream crossings, best management practices, reading E&S plans, and other considerations during and after the timber harvest.
- > **Game of Logging (8 hours, each Level)** - These courses cover chainsaw safety and safe/efficient harvesting techniques. They **MUST** be taken in order. **Level 1** (see description under Core Training section). **Level 2** focuses on saw maintenance, chain sharpening techniques, releasing spring poles safely, and directional tree felling. **Level 3** focuses on handling difficult trees. Topics covered include limbing, wedging techniques and hinge placement. This training is conducted in the field. **Level 4** is a review of previous levels with participants practicing skills at working speed. **Storm Damage Cleanup** provides tips on how to safely handle the dangerous pressures and tensions associated with blown-down and storm damaged timber (prerequisite Levels 1 and 2).
- > **Sustainable Timber Harvesting (4 hours)** - How do you know that a timber harvest is "sustainable"? What are the consequences of high-grading and diameter limit cuts? This online course covers the elements of sustainable harvesting practices and how to assess a stand. It focuses on the forest that remains as a result of the harvest.
- > **Wildlife - Young Forest Initiative (4 hours)** - Developed through a cooperative program with the Wildlife Management Institute, this course discusses the importance of creating early successional forest conditions for the benefit of multiple wildlife species. Participants will learn and be given tools to identify and create habitat systems for the American Woodcock, Golden Winged Warbler, and other young forest dependent wildlife species important to forest landowners.

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