

BE AN INFORMAL EDUCATOR

Since 1990, 365 people owning over 68,000 acres have been trained through this program. Maryland Woodland Stewards across the state have reached out to thousands of Marylanders with information and resources to encourage sound forest and wildlife stewardship.

The Maryland Woodland Stewards Project is looking for people who are, or have the potential to be, informal educators in their communities. If you have the desire to improve your woodland and wildlife habitat, to motivate others to manage their woodland, and can attend the three-day September seminar, you can be part of this valuable statewide network of Maryland Woodland Stewards.

To apply for the training and commit to one year of outreach to woodland owners, contact Nevin Dawson at ndawson@umd.edu or (410) 827-8056, ext. 125.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to talk with a Maryland Woodland Steward in your area or get more information on the Maryland Woodland Stewards Project, contact:

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For information on forest and wildlife management, a forestry correspondence course, and other Extension programs, log on to www.naturalresources.umd.edu or contact your county Cooperative Extension office, listed in the blue pages of your local telephone directory or extension.umd.edu

National Wild Turkey Federation,
Maryland NWTF Hunting Heritage
State Superfund Projects

Administered jointly by the NWTF, its state chapters and state wildlife agencies, the Hunting Heritage Super Fund is used for projects that support the conservation of the wild turkey and preservation of the hunting tradition. Nationally, NWTF chapters and cooperating partners have raised and spent more than \$258 million for wild turkey conservation. Since 1985 over **\$724,542** has been raised and spent by Maryland chapters on projects within the state.

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2009 Training
September 17, 18, 19 and 20
Camp Pecometh; Centreville, MD



A Forest-Wildlife Volunteer
Outreach Program

Formerly the Coverts Project



WHAT IS THE MARYLAND WOODLAND STEWARDS PROJECT?

The Maryland Woodland Stewards Project (formerly the Coverts Project) is an educational program of University of Maryland Cooperative Extension and the National Wild Turkey Federation. It teaches sound forest and wildlife management practices to a select group of people each year. In return, participants apply these principles to their own property and actively encourage others to practice good forest stewardship.

EDUCATION THROUGH DEMONSTRATION

Through classroom sessions, Maryland Woodland Stewards learn about:

- Maryland forests and how they grow
- Wildlife and habitat
- Sound forest stewardship to improve the health and productivity of their woodlands while increasing wildlife habitat, diversity, and abundance
- The natural resources professionals and organizations that provide information and other assistance to help manage their properties

Classroom learning is reinforced with outdoor sessions that demonstrate how these principles can be applied to individual woodlands.

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, the registration fee is very affordable. It includes a multi-day training in September or October with meals, lodging, and reference materials.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE MARYLAND WOODLAND STEWARDS PROJECT?

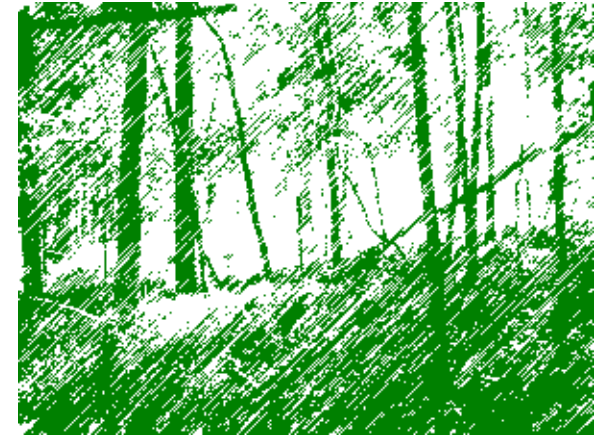
Woodland owners, managers of woodlands, educators, land trust representatives, land planners, and others interested in the stewardship of Maryland's woodlands and wildlife are all eligible for the Maryland Woodland Stewards Project.

WHAT DO MARYLAND WOODLAND STEWARDS DO?

Maryland Woodland Stewards agree to:

- Develop and implement forest stewardship plans on their properties
- Maintain a set of reference materials provided at the training to answer questions from other landowners or to direct them to appropriate professional resources
- Work with natural resource professionals, Extension personnel, and local groups to encourage other landowners to implement forest stewardship practices
- Advocate sound forest and wildlife management in their communities

“Neighbor helping neighbor with sound forest and wildlife management.”



HOW ARE MARYLAND WOODLAND STEWARDS SELECTED?

Applications are to be submitted by late July. Selections will be made in early August. Priority is given to applicants who live on woodland and are involved in their communities, providing avenues for outreach.

An application and materials from previous trainings can be found by visiting the site below.

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“... forest management should include a balance of wildlife and timber management. From my experience, they always have complemented each other. Thanks to the [Maryland Woodland Stewards] Program, I have been able to enjoy, with my friends and neighbors, a healthier forest and wildlife population and a better understanding of the habitat we share.”

— A Maryland Woodland Steward