

"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

-Aldo Leopold, Naturalist

Small lots, such as the one you may own, are a big deal. The vast majority of land owners have less than 10 acres. This land, wooded or not, is a vital source for all.

By enhancing or creating natural areas and woodland on your lot, you can enjoy recreation, aesthetics, wildlife and water quality. If your lot connects to other lots, there's ample opportunity to make an even bigger impact by getting neighbors involved!

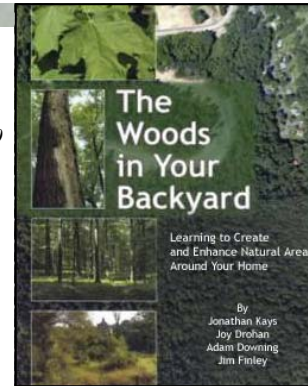
Owners of even just a few acres can make a positive difference in their environment through planning and implementing simple stewardship practices learned at The Woods In Your Backyard Workshop.



Simple stewardship practices learned at the workshop will bring you many personal benefits:

- **More Time Outdoors:** A great way to get away from the computer and television. And if you have a family, consider getting everyone involved!
- **Increased Privacy & Sanctuary:** Your own serene landscape to observe and enjoy.
- **More Abundant Wildlife:** You provide habitats for wildlife you choose.
- **Increased Exercise:** Land techniques you apply will have you working more around the yard, at your own pace.
- **Forest Products:** Firewood, specialty medicinal plants, shiitake mushrooms, maple syrup and Christmas trees just to name a few.
- **Enhanced property value.**

The workshop uses the manual *The Woods in Your Backyard: Learning to Create and Enhance Natural Areas Around Your Home*. The full-color, 139-page manual guides land owners to:



- Learn why you should manage your land.
- Map your land, assess why you bought it, and decide what you hope to get out of it.
- Understand how your land relates to the land around you.
- Identify land management units on your property.
- Learn basics of tree identification, forestry, and wildlife habitat management.
- Assess your property's water resources, recreational possibilities, and aesthetic appeal, and ways to improve each.
- Choose a few land management projects to help meet your goals.
- Set a timetable and mark progress.

The manual is provided at the workshop and is included in the registration fee.

Manual also available separately from:

www.nraes.org.

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The Workshop

Each workshop is two sessions one week apart. The time in-between is for the purpose of applying lessons. The sessions are designed to go over the manual and provide guidance on how to use the Resource CD.

Workshop Details:

Dates:

Time:

Location:

Cost for Workshop:

\$20/individual - \$25/couple
Includes manual and CD.

(Registration Form on Back)

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Registration

The Woods In Your Backyard Create and Enhance Natural Areas Around Your Home

Please complete this registration form and mail to the address below. Register at least one week prior to workshop date.

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Registration For:

Date:

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University of Maryland Cooperative Extension

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Equal Access Programs

The Woods in Your Backyard Workshop



Learning to Create and Enhance
Natural Areas Around Your Home

Two-Part Workshop and Field Tour
May 5, 12 and 19, 2009



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