



Federation of  
Woodlot Owners

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lots boisés



## Member Newsletter February 19, 2023

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### *Did You Know.....*

You probably already know that New Brunswick's forests are considered part of the Acadian-Wabanaki Forest Region. This endangered forest region encompasses all of the Maritime provinces, areas of southern Quebec, as well as the northern New England states. It is mixture of northern conifers and southern deciduous trees, with a rich variety of over 60 tree species!

What you may not know is that there is an area within the Acadian-Wabanaki Forest called the **Appalachian Hardwood Forest (AHF)**. "The Appalachian Hardwood Forest is the name given to the hardwoods of the Saint John River Valley between Keswick Ridge and Grand Falls. They're different from all other hardwoods in New Brunswick. In them you will find basswood, elm, and butternut, along with spring wildflowers and other plants that are extremely rare in the Maritimes. You will know you're in Appalachian Hardwood Forest when you see tall forests of sugar maple, beech, and ash with cool, shady conditions and a lush green understory." \*

Nature NB and the Nature Trust of New Brunswick (NTNB) recently established an Appalachian Hardwood Forest Working Group who will provide guidance and advice regarding proposed activities to help conserve and protect the AHF. The Federation was invited to join this group and we have participated in several meetings so far. Stay tuned to learn more about this special region in our forests!



\* 2022 Appalachian Hardwood Forest Guide, Nature Trust of NB

# *A Message from the Executive Director*

## **Project work**

The work is continuing on the Environmental Trust Fund (ETF) funded project to train-the-trainer about Non-timber forest products (NTFP) in New Brunswick. An application was submitted in November for the second year of funding. The project is anticipated to take 3 years to complete. An introductory webinar will take place on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. At this workshop Ron Smith, the expert drafting the materials and leading the on the ground work will introduce in more detail the work that will take place in the coming year. This project will also see the completion of manual and training tools.

The 2022 2Billion Trees project is wrapping up. The project has been extended until the end of May to allow for the completion of a national scoping study to see if there are synergies and efficiencies that can be gained by creating a data base of resources and a pipeline for smaller projects to get amalgamated on a national scale to include, agriculture, municipalities, and private land forestry. A new planting application has been submitted to NRCan and work will soon begin on an application for the 2024 planting year.

## **One voice work**

Rick Doucett and I met with Chris Ward, Assistant Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Development, recently to get an update on the ongoing discussion about the Marketing Boards and the Private Land Sustainability Fund. Little has been done to date on who can access and what the access methods are for the Private Land Sustainability Fund. This work should resume soon. The Federation will be a part of that work as will the Marketing Boards and others. We feel that the Federation can play a role in the extension and education piece and can see us a hub for woodlot owners to access information about a wide variety of services and information. While we would not provide all of these ourselves, we hope to establish a wide network that would allow us to be in regular contact with the people providing these services and so make the connections between the land owners and these groups. We already provide such a service but would like to expand on what we have.



## **OECM – Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures**

OECMs have been around for some time but seem to just now really becoming operational. It is part of the Federal government pledge to conserve 30% of our lands and oceans by 2030. These are areas that are not protected but are being managed in a way that they provide biodiversity and conservation benefits, such as sustainably harvested forests. There is a potential opportunity for the Federation to act as an amalgamator and provide the required data to Environment and Climate Change Canada on behalf of woodlot owners. We will continue to gather information on the requirements and share these with membership. There is currently no monetary benefit but OECMs are a way to get official recognition for the good work that woodlot owners are already doing.

Fredericton has been chosen as the Forestry Capital of Canada for 2023 by the Canadian Institute of Forestry. Keep an eye out for special events related to this. The launch will likely be made at the Forest NB event on March 15th. The City of Fredericton will be hosting a website and event calendar for the Forestry Capital of Canada, so you may want to keep an eye out for this.

As always, if you have advice or suggestions, please reach out.

***Susannah Banks***  
Executive Director

On Monday, February 20th, the NBFWO office will be closed for Family Day. We hope everyone enjoys the long weekend!



## ***What's New?***

*A round up of news from our website, other organizations and upcoming events*

**Save the Date!** March 23, 2023 there will be a webinar regarding the Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) project being lead by Dr. Ron Smith. Registration for the webinar will open in early March.

**Spring weight restrictions for truck traffic:** will come into effect at 00:01 (AST) on Monday, February 27th, in southern New Brunswick and at 00:01 (AST), Monday, March 6th, in northern New Brunswick.

Restrictions will continue until 23:59 (AST), Sunday, May 14th, in southern New Brunswick and until 23:59 (AST), Sunday, May 21nd, in northern New Brunswick.

There is a position opening up on the **NB Forest Products Commission**. See the [News](#) page for more information.

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**From NatureNB:** The [Mary Majka Scholarship Fund](#) is available to New Brunswick students studying in the field of natural sciences with a focus on conservation of nature & the natural environment.

The **deadline to apply is March 31st**. For more information and to download the application form, visit the [scholarship webpage](#).

Keep an eye on the [News](#), [Announcements](#), and [Calendar of Events](#) on the website for additional events and details.



Do you have something to advertise, announce, or information to share you think other woodlot owners might find interesting?

Post it for free on our [Members Announcements Board](#). Everyone can view the Board, but only members can post to it.

Postings expire after 14 days, but you can edit, delete or refresh your postings at any time.

### **Hey Members!**

Have you updated **your profile** on the website since you first signed up to be a member?

You can **choose** what information you do and do not want to be seen in the Member Directory, and provide us with some useful information about yourself!

Some options may have changed since you signed up. We would love to know how you learned about becoming a member, why you joined, and what interests and issues about owning a woodlot you have.

All you need to do is [log in to the website](#) and on the Member Homepage, you can click to 'Manage Your Profile'. If you don't remember your password, just click the 'Request Password' button below the sign in option and a new password will be emailed to you automatically.

A poster for the Atlantic Forestry Review. At the top, there is a logo for the Federation of Woodlot Owners (NFB) featuring a stylized tree and the letters 'N' and 'B'. Below the logo, the text reads 'Federation of Woodlot Owners' and 'Fédération des propriétaires de lots boisés'. In the center, there is a large ampersand '&amp;'. Below the ampersand, the text 'Atlantic Forestry' is written in a large, red, serif font, with 'Review' in a smaller font below it. At the bottom, there is a black box with white text that reads 'NBFWO members can receive \$6 off of a 1-year subscription to the Atlantic Forestry Review'. The background of the poster is a light blue sky with a snowy forest scene.

Click the poster for details.

## A very quick survey....

And I do mean quick - it is only 2 questions! [Click here to participate.](#)  
We'll share the results next newsletter.

Have a question you want to ask your fellow woodlotowners? Let us know!



## We're on Facebook and Instagram too!

Follow us and share our posts with friends and family if you think they might be interested!

Share pictures of your woodlot with us by emailing them to [info@nbwoodlotowners.ca](mailto:info@nbwoodlotowners.ca) and we'll share them with the world :)

*(you can choose to be credited for your photo, or remain anonymous, it is your choice)*



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**Thanks for reading - until next time!**