

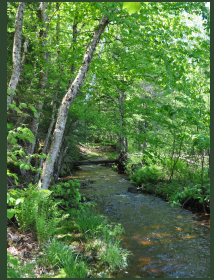
CARING FOR YOUR FOREST



Tips for maximizing environmental benefits

PROTECT THE RIPARIAN ZONE

Retain undisturbed forest cover within at least 30 m of waterbodies, including seasonal streams, wetlands, and seasonally wet areas. Avoid soil-disturbing activities in this zone. Obtain a Watercourse and Wetland Alteration Permit if any disturbance must take place in this zone.



RETAIN DEAD AND DYING TREES

Standing cavity trees and dead trees provide important habitat for birds, mammals, and insects. Fallen dead wood is also a critical element of a healthy forest, providing moist forest floor conditions, shade, and cover. Resist the urge to clean these up.

ENCOURAGE CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Not all tree species will fare equally in our warming climate. Plant and encourage the growth of white pine, red maple, and red oak for longer term resilience. You can gradually thin balsam fir, white spruce, and aspen, which are predicted to decline.



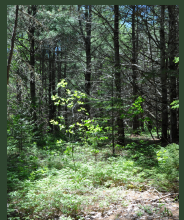
AVOID ACTIVE MANAGEMENT DURING BREEDING SEASON

Many forest birds, including migratory birds and species at risk, nest between May 1 and August 1. Refrain from tree harvesting and trail or road construction during this time period.



PROMOTE A MULTI-AGE FOREST

Create small gaps in even-aged stands to foster multiple layers of regeneration and canopy. This promotes long-term resilience, mimics natural disturbance, and creates good habitat. Prefer to use single tree or small patch harvests over clear-cutting.



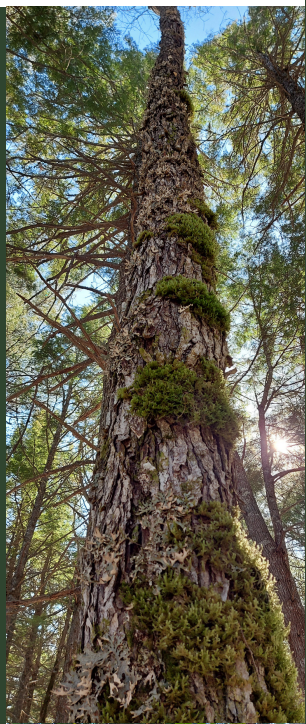


Nashwaak Forest Stewardship Program

Do you have questions about your forest? Would you like to join our community of stewards?

Through our project you can access:

- free site visits with a forester to discuss the state of your forest
- resources and tools that integrate considerations for ecological health and climate change adaptation into forest management
- workshops
- tree seedlings and seed



Contact us for more information or to set up your free site visit at forest@nashwaakwatershed.ca

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