



New Brunswick Federation of Woodlot Owners  
Fédération des propriétaires de lots boisés du Nouveau-Brunswick

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## ***Planning for the AGM***

Every NBFWO Annual General Meeting is a day for members to come together to receive updates, network with other, discuss the issues impacting woodlot owners in NB, and hopefully, learn something new.

In addition to the business meeting part of the day (updates on staff activities, projects and financials), half of the day is usually filled with presentations by specialists in different fields that are of interest to woodlot owners.

Now is the time for you to send us your suggestions on what you would like to see presented the AGM!

[Click here to submit your suggestions](#), or email them to [info@nbwoodlotowners.ca](mailto:info@nbwoodlotowners.ca)



Photo by Paul Savoie, white Lady Slipper.

## *From the Desk of the Executive Director*

Spring has arrived and soon mud season will end!

As we embark on a new fiscal year, we are pleased that we have received funding from the NB Environmental Trust Fund (ETF) to continue our work on [climate change education](#). We will be working more on climate risk and mitigation. Unfortunately, our ETF application to work on the Protected Places did not receive funding. We are continuing to work with the Nature Trust and the Nashwaak Watershed Association to see what might be achieved without funding.

We are also working with Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) on the delivery of a climate change and wildlife workshop in Madawaska County (in French) in June.

We are continuing to work with Canadian Forest Owners to determine if there are any opportunities to collectively provide woodlot owners with group insurance rates. I will keep you updated as this progresses.

We continue to seek opportunities to promote the Federation and to look for new members. We have made two presentations recently, one to a group in the Florenceville-Bristol area and one in Moncton.

**Bill – 28** has passed first reading in the house. This bill changes the definition of a forest in the **Trespass Act**. The new definition is:

*“forest land” means any land lying outside the boundaries of a city or town and not cultivated for agricultural purposes on which trees of any stage of development, including seedlings or saplings from a plantation or arising from natural regeneration, and shrubs, plants or grass are growing, together with roads on the land, other than public highways, but does not include the lands referred to in subsection 5(1) or section 6. (terre forestière).”*

As a result of this change, we are not sure if plantations are protected without no-trespass signage or not. We have reached out to DNR and will let you know when we receive clarity.

For additional information, below are links to the Trespass Act, Bill-28, and the Federation's response to the proposed changes sent to DNR.

[Trespass Act, 2012](#)

[NBFWO response to request for comments, Feb 2025](#)

[Bill-28, update](#)

Sincerely,

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Photo by NBFWO staff



## News & Events

A round up of news from all over and upcoming events

[Check out some news you may have missed this month:](#)

- *Contractors flock to Moncton for CWF 2025 Spring Meeting*
- *CFO Asks Political Parties About Their Commitments to Canada's 480,000 Woodlot Owners and Their Families*
- *A convention in the midst of a tariff war*
- *Facing new spruce budworm outbreak, Maine foresters look to history as a guide*
- *Sustainable mahogany hits the right note in UBC electric guitar testing*
- *Province ramping up preparation for wildfire season*
- *N.B. premier's internal trade moves don't touch industry protection*
- *'There Is No Solution to Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss Without Healthy Forests', Says Senior Official, as Forum on Forests Opens Session*
- *Replacing Canadian lumber imports with US production would take a decade (at least) and cost more than \$10 billion: ERA*
- *Canada's woodlands have a health problem, says report*
- *Recognizing Excellence: 2024 CWF Outstanding Forestry Contractor of the Year*
- [And more!](#)

**May 19: the NBFWO office will be closed for Victoria Day**

[May 24:](#) NTNBN: Appalachian Hardwood Forest Guided Walk

[May 31:](#) 2025 Woodmen's Museum Tribute Dinner for Olga Ross

[June 3-5:](#) Atlantic BIOCON, Atlantic Canada's Bioeconomy Conference, Saint John

[June 6-8:](#) Festival of Nature 2025 : Miramichi

[June 21:](#) NTNBN: Birding at Beardsley Hill

[June 28:](#) NTNBN: Lichen Learning Experience

[August 5-7:](#) Northern Hardwood Conference 2025

MCFT is holding several Watercourse Alteration Certificate courses over the next few months, check the calendar for date and details.

**Save the tentative date, NBFWO AGM potential date of October 8, 2025**

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



## The Water's Edge

Bank erosion along waterways is a natural process; without it rivers would not meander. Generally, banks with vegetation erode more slowly than those without. Woodlot owners with land along rivers may be interested in learning more about a couple of projects happening in NB. Contact information is below.

If you know about similar projects happening throughout the province, share them on the [Ads Board](#) and help out your fellow members!

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## Riparian Tree Planting Project

ACAP SJ is in search of riparian restoration sites in the Greater Saint John Region!

This includes the City of Saint John, Rothesay, Quispamsis, Grand Bay-Westfield, Kingston, Saint Martins, and more.

For eligible properties, they can offer a free site visit, advice and recommendations on issues such as erosion, and free trees/shrubs that will be planted by them!

To see if your property is eligible and to get involved, send an email to [tori@acapsj.org](mailto:tori@acapsj.org)



**CALL FOR WATERFRONT LANDOWNERS**

BE A PART OF OUR RIPARIAN TREE PLANTING PROJECT

We're looking for waterfront restoration sites in the Greater Saint John Region. For eligible riparian and waterfront properties, we offer:

- A free site visit
- Advice, recommendations and monitoring

**And most importantly:**

- Free trees/shrubs, planted by us!

For more information, and to see if your site is eligible, email us at [tori@acapsj.org](mailto:tori@acapsj.org)

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## The St. John River Society: River Shoreline Protection

Are you a landowner with property along the St. John River / the Wolastoq, below Fredericton? The St. John River Society is finishing the first year of a river shoreline protection initiative and you may be able to help!

If shoreline erosion from recreational boat traffics is a concern, the Society can provide you with a "Be Wake Aware" sign. The signs measure 9" x 24" and are intended to be posted along the shoreline to advise recreation boaters about the issue.

If you are interested in getting a sign, or learning more about their project, contact Dino Kubik, Executive Director/ Directeur Exécutif of The St. John River Society/La société du fleuve Saint-Jean, at 506.260.6073 or [exec@stjohnriver.org](mailto:exec@stjohnriver.org)



## Results from last month's survey: How do you like to learn?

The NBFWO is always exploring ways to provide opportunities for our members to learn new skills and information about topics that are important to you. Each person has a preferred way to take in new information - some prefer hands-on learning, some prefer to read a brochure, and some prefer to explore lots of links on the internet!

In last month's issue we asked you to choose your top 2 options from a list;

- Read a brochure or article
- Attend a workshop
- Listen to a webinar
- Investigate links to different resources on the internet
- Watch a video
- Other



While there were not enough member responses to make the results statistically significant, here they are:

- **'Watch a video'** came in first at 28%, followed by **'Read a brochure'** at 24%.
- No one chose 'Other',
- and Workshops, Webinars and links on the internet all tied for 3rd at 16%.

Your input is greatly appreciated. We take what we learn from these quick surveys to adapt our planning for future activities.

## TREES AROUND THE WORLD

### Isaac Newton's apple tree

If there is one tree responsible for a major scientific discovery, it would be the apple tree that inspired Sir Isaac Newton to solve the hidden mystery in the fall of an apple.

The story that an apple hit Newton on the head has become the symbol of gravity, and the tree in question would be the apple tree at Woolsthorpe Manor (UK), Newton's birthplace. To be more specific, the current tree is a clone grown from the roots of the original tree that was blown down by a storm in 1820.

If you ever get the chance to visit this historic site, maybe you too might find some unexpected inspiration!



*Isaac Newton's apple tree at Woolsthorpe Manor (by Marit and Toomas Hinnosaar, 2022. Flickr)*





## ***The tower in the forest***

By Diane Fargialla, NBFWO Outreach Coordinator

Twenty kilometers east of Fredericton lies a forest where nature and science work together to unlock the secrets of forest ecosystems: the [Acadia Research Forest](#), formerly known as the Acadia Forest Experiment Station.

Sitting on both sides of Highway 10, it was established in 1933 by the Dominion Forest Service, a predecessor of the Canadian Forest Service. Currently overseen by the Atlantic Forestry Centre, this forest is a 9,000-hectare open-air laboratory that provides valuable scientific data for silvicultural research.

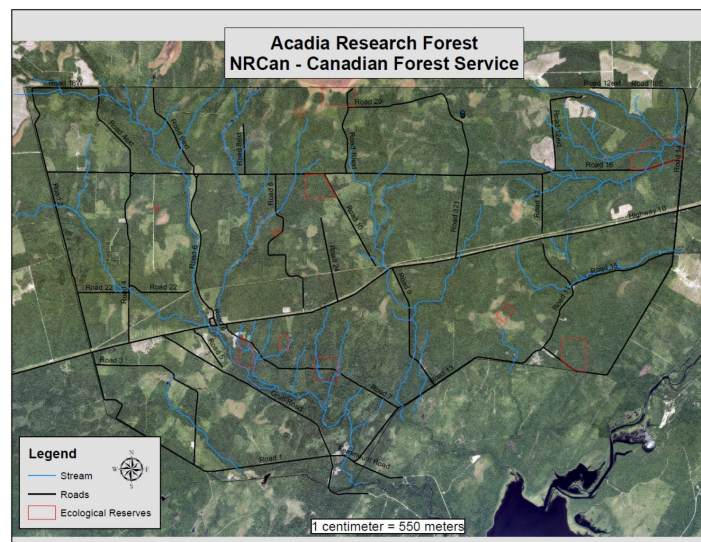
Various pieces of infrastructure reflect this scientific mission; among them is the ecological monitoring tower—the first in Atlantic Canada! It is co-managed by the University of New Brunswick and the Atlantic Forestry Centre. Standing 31 meters tall since 2013, it is equipped with meteorological instruments that measure carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere above the forest canopy, temperature, humidity, and more.

The data collected enables scientists to track the exchange of carbon dioxide between the forest and the atmosphere. For example, trees absorb carbon dioxide to grow, but also emit it during decomposition.

The ecological monitoring tower at the Acadia Research Forest helps understand how the Wabanaki-Acadian forest captures and releases carbon dioxide. In a changing climate, this work could lead to strategies better adapted to address environmental challenges.

### **References**

- Natural Resources Canada and [CBC](#)



Acadia Research Forest map. Source: Natural Resources Canada



The ecological monitoring tower at the Acadia Research Forest  
Source: Natural Resources Canada

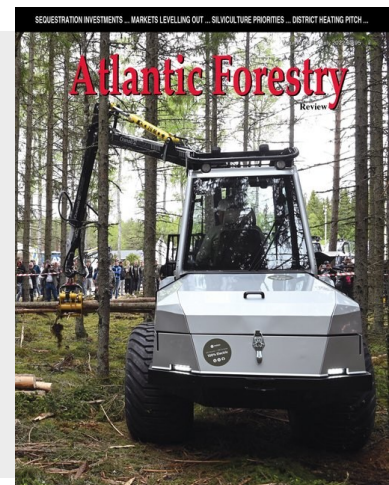


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Looking for a gift for a woodlot owner? May we suggest a subscription to the **Atlantic Forestry Review**?

Federation members receive a \$6 discount off of the price of a 1-year subscription. That's 6 issues a year for only \$14 - *what a deal!*

[Click here](#) to sign up today!



*Thanks for reading - Until next time!*

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