

# Who ARE These Service Foresters and What Can They Do For Me?








## DCNR, Bureau of Forestry Cooperative Forest Management Services

Pennsylvania's forestland is a very important resource for the environment and economy of the Commonwealth. Approximately 12 million acres of this forested land are privately owned. The Cooperative Forest Management (CFM) program aims to improve the extent and level of management on these lands.

The CFM Program had its beginning from the Cooperative Farm Forestry Act of 1937. This law was passed to "provide technical services to forest landowners, operators, and processors of primary forest products with respect to the management of forest lands and the harvesting, marketing and processing of forest products." Cooperative forestry has been a federal-state venture since that time. The U.S. Forest Service provides national direction while each state is expected to develop and carry out programs appropriate to its particular circumstances. The general thrust of Pennsylvania's CFM Program involves, rural forestry, urban and community forestry, and utilization of forest resources.

The purpose of the CFM program is to furnish technical advice, assistance, and service to owners of forestland. Promoting and explaining sound forest management to groups and organizations is an increasingly important aspect of the program. Forestry bears upon many aspects of both urban and rural life. It is the duty of the Service Forester in each county to help community leaders, media people, planners and individuals to realize the impact of forest management (or the lack of it) on the quality of human life, economic productivity, and the environment.

### What We Do!

-  One-on-One walks through **your** woodlot for **free** advice
-  Forest Resource Plans: Inventory, Objectives
  - Forest Stewardship Plans
  - Tree Farm Plans
  - Service Forester Plans
-  Timber Stand Improvement Projects
  - Wild grapevine control
  - Weed and thin pole timber, cull removal
-  Tree Planting Plans
  - Riparian and stream buffer plantings
  - Forest plantation plantings
  - State tree sale
-  Information and Education Programs
  - Landowner workshops
  - Groups: school, civic, scouting
  - Logger workshops
-  Urban Forestry
  - Tree City USA Program
  - MTRP street tree measurements
-  Other Duties
  - Forest Fire Protection
  - Insect and Disease Monitoring
  - State Forest Management
  - Ginseng Certification

Who is the Service Forester for your county?

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