

## Forestry Committee

### Purpose Statement

**Healthy forests and healthy economies are linked: the Virginia Department of Forestry reports that Virginia Forests provide more than \$27.5 Billion annually in benefits to the Commonwealth. The Virginia RC&D Forestry Committee will identify and promote opportunities for Virginia's RC&D Councils to play a role in the management of Virginia's forest lands—rural and urban, public and private. The Virginia RC&D Forestry Committee is a statewide forestry network for Virginia's RC&D Councils / Forestry Committees to share ideas, highlight successful projects, and track issues of concern.**

### Annual Activities of the Committee

1. The Forestry Committee will assist in the coordination of the VA RC&D Forestry Program Annual Plan of Work
  - a) solicit project ideas from RC&D Councils / Forestry Committees **November-May**
  - b) attend an annual meeting / teleconference to draft the VA RC&D Forestry Program Annual Plan of Work **June**
  - c) finalize draft plan and submit to the VA RC&D Association Executive Committee for approval **August-October**
  - d) prepare draft Annual Report of Accomplishments **October-November**
  - e) finalize draft plan and submit to the VA RC&D Association Executive Committee for approval **December-February**
2. The Forestry Committee will meet via teleconference at least three times per year, in addition to the annual planning meeting described above.
3. The Forestry Committee will coordinate forestry projects that have statewide impact or potential involvement from multiple RC&D Councils.

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