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WOODLAND OWNER LITERATURE & RESOURCES

The Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Program aims to provide you with access to information that may help you manage your woodlands effectively and sustainably. If you are interested in any of the materials listed below, please return the attached order form. Available items are indicated with a check box.

WOODLOT MANAGEMENT

- Forest Business Opportunities:** How to generate additional income by utilizing your woodlands. Available on the web at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bpoladm/stratpp/forprod/pdfs/overbr.pdf>
- Foresters and the Care of Your Land:** Explains the role of foresters in helping you utilize your woodlands as well as how to find and select a forester in your area. Available on the web at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/forest/pdf/forester.pdf>
- Today's Forest Tomorrow's Legacy:** A Guide for Woodland Owners designed to provide the RI woodland owner with planning guidance, project ideas, basic and technical information, and a list of specific contacts and resources. Available on the web at <http://www.uri.edu/ce/wq/has/PDFs/woodPDF/INTRODUC.PDF>
- Forest Stewardship, Rhode Island Landowners Discover New Strategies in Forest Conservation:** This publication encourages woodland owners to support healthy and sustainable forests with innovative business activities and showcases some of the unique woodland uses throughout Rhode Island. Available on the web at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/forest/pdf/forstew.pdf>

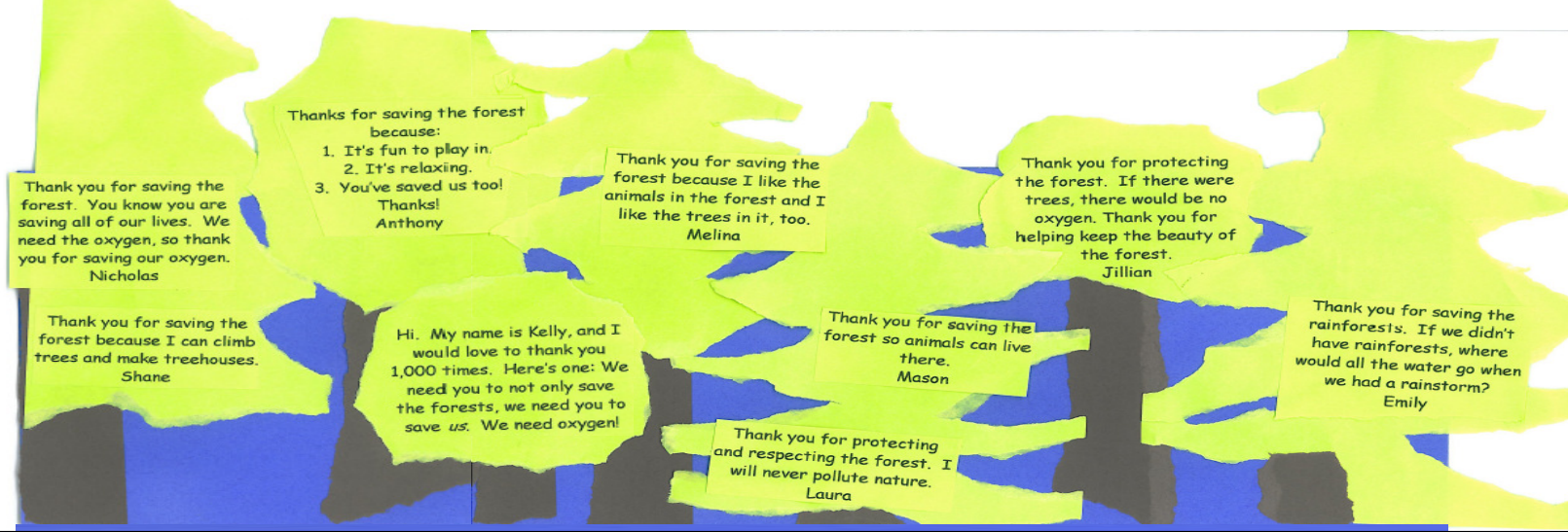
MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

- Rhode Island Forest Conservator's Organization (RIFCO):** RIFCO is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and the wise use of Rhode Island's woodland resources. RIFCO members receive a number of benefits that assist them with the management of their woodlands. Brochure not available on the web. Learn more about RIFCO at: www.rifco.org

FORESTRY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- Citizen's Guide to the Farm Forest & Open Space Act (FFOS):** FFOS is designed to conserve Rhode Island's productive agricultural and forestlands by providing eligible landowners with tax benefits for conserving their land. Available on the web at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/forest/pdf/citqui03.pdf>
- The Forest Certification And Assessment Process (under FFOS):** This brochure guides forest land owners through the forest certification process for FFOS applicants. Brochure not available on the web.
- USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS):** USDA-NRCS can provide technical and financial assistance to eligible agricultural producers (including woodland owners) to implement conservation and sustainable forestry management on their properties. If you are interested in this opportunity, please call NRICD at (401) 949.1480. Learn





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more about RI USDA-NRCS at: www.ri.nrcs.usda.gov

FOREST ENVIRONMENT: BENEFITS, SERVICES, & THREATS TO RHODE ISLAND'S FORESTS

- ❑ **The Forests of Rhode Island:** This publication provides information on the history, current use, ecology, and economic impacts of forestlands in Rhode Island. Available on the web at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/forest/pdf/riforest.pdf>
- ❑ **Riparian Buffers & Healthy Watersheds:** Learn about the importance of the land abutting our river and stream system and how to protect this critical habitat. Available on the web at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bpoladm/suswshed/pdfs/ripbuffbro.pdf>
- ❑ **Family Forests Facing Increasing Risks:** RI's private family forests are faced with several challenges that threaten to degrade the ecological, economic, and recreational value of the land. Learn how you can help! (National Publication Version) Available on the web at <http://ferm.mtu.edu/resources/Silviculture/FamilyForestFacts.pdf>
- ❑ **Wetland Invaders & Are Wetlands in YOUR Backyard?:** Many forested parcels include, surround or are adjacent to freshwater resources like lakes and ponds that may be home to harmful invasive plants. Know your property and protect against the spread of invasive wetland species. Available on the web at http://www.nricd.org/Wetland_Invaders.pdf and http://www.nricd.org/Wetlands_In_Your_Backyard.pdf
- ❑ **Pest Alert—Asian Longhorned Beetle:** The Asian Longhorned Beetle is an Invasive Insect that attacks hardwood trees like sugar maples, willows, and birches. It has been found nearby in Worcester, MA but is NOT currently in Rhode Island. This publication will help you identify and prevent any pest infestations. Brochure not available on the web. Learn more about ALB at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/asian_lhb/index.shtml
- ❑ **Insect & Disease Problems:** This brochure provides information about common insect and pest problems, how to diagnose plant diseases, and preventive measures you can take to help safeguard your trees. Brochure not available on the web. Learn more about caring for your woodlands at www.treesaregood.com

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- ❑ **Woody B. Woodland Presents, *Working the Day Away*:** Woody B. Woodland shares lessons from the working world of trees in this fun children's story designed to teach kids about the importance of conserving forestlands. Available on the web at <http://www.nricd.org/landwaterconnection/WoodyBWoodland.pdf>
- ❑ **Forests for People, More than you can Imagine:** The National Association of Conservation District's (NACD) created a series of fun, educational activity books for students in grades K-8 in honor of 2011 being the UN International Year of the Forest. Activities include comic shorts, word searches, puzzles, mazes, etc. Brochures available for order:

Grades K-1	Grades 2-3	Grades 4-5	Grades 6+
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WEB-BASED RESOURCES

Rhode Island Chapter – Society of American Foresters: The Society of American Foresters (SAF) is a national scientific



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and educational association representing the forestry profession in the United States.

Learn more about the New England Society of American Foresters at: www.nesaf.org

- ❑ **USDA-National Agroforestry Center:** serves to develop apply agroforestry technologies that will produce more economically, environmentally, and socially sustainable land-use systems. Please visit their website for publications and resources about the *Working Trees* series that introduces people to the basics of agroforestry.

Learn more about the *Working Trees* series at: <http://www.unl.edu/nac/workingtrees.htm>

Brochures Available for Order: 1) Working Trees for Agriculture; 2) Working Trees for Wildlife; 3) Working Trees for Water Quality; and 4) Working Trees for Livestock

- 🌿 **Today's Forest, Tomorrow's Legacy (aka Woodscaping Program):** The URI Home*A*Syst Guide for Small Acreage Livestock Owners provides educational information and resources that are geared towards the interests and goals of a rising group of "new" forest owners. This factsheet series will help you plan and design your own woodscaping project that will meet your set short and long term goals for your wood lot.

Learn more about Woodscaping at: <http://www.uri.edu/ce/wq/has/Wood%20Scaping/FACTSHEETS.HTM>

- 🌿 **Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Program:** This website includes a series of web-links to fun informational sites for children that will encourage exploration into the working world of forests.

Learn more about the Role of Forests at: <http://www.nricd.org/landwaterconnection/roleofforests.htm>

- 🌿 **Woodland Owner's Guide to Internet Resources:** This website provides links to organizations, publications, and general information pertinent to woodland owners in New England.

Learn more about your woodlands at: <http://na.fs.fed.us/pubs/misc/flq/>

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FOREST PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

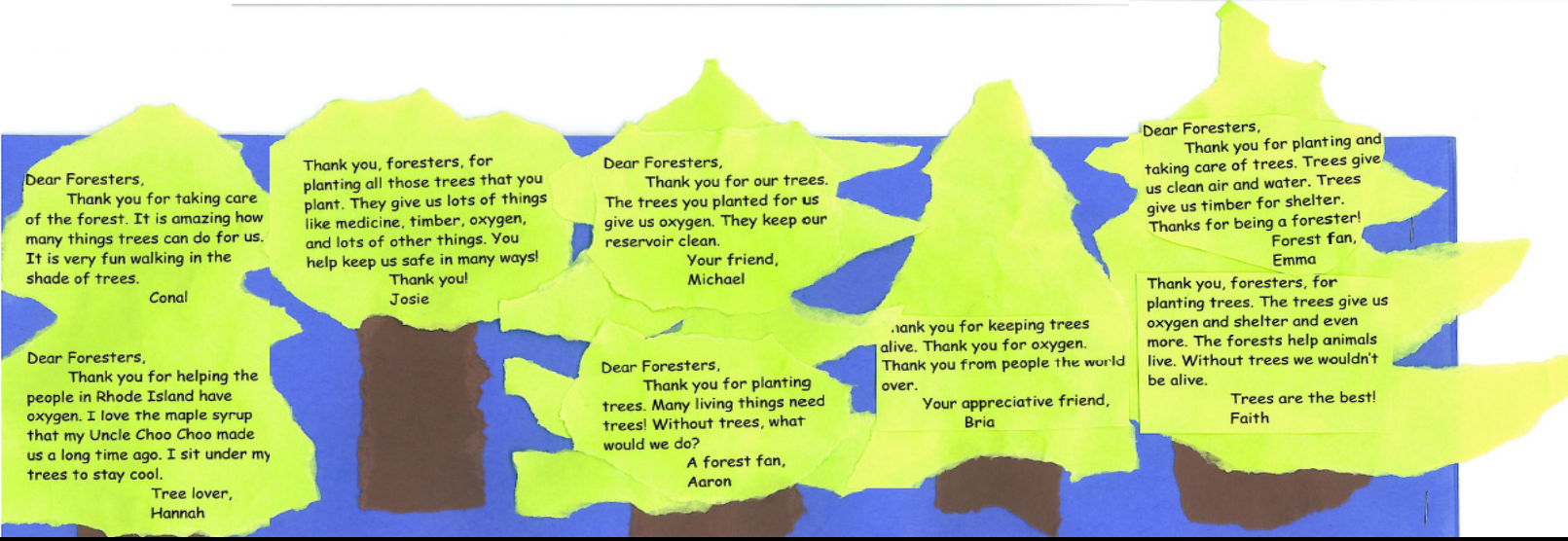
- 🌿 **Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB):** Providence Water is Rhode Island's largest water utility, serving 17 cities and towns in the northern and central part of the state. About 600,000 people or 60% of Rhode Island's population receive their water supply for drinking and other uses from the Scituate Reservoir. One of utility's central strategies is to protect the water at its source by maintaining existing forest cover and practicing and promoting wise stewardship. Providence Water owns about one third of the land in the Scituate Reservoir watershed and relies on local municipalities and private landowners as stewardship partners. *Contact: Richard Blodgett, Environmental Resources Manager, 401.521.6300 or rblodgett@provwater.com*

Learn more about how PWSB and their approach to forest management at: www.provwater.com

- 🌿 **Northern Rhode Island Conservation District (NRICD):** NRICD is a non-profit, quasi-public organization that functions as a facilitator for meeting the needs of the local land user in the conservation of soil, water and other natural resources. We provide assistance and outreach to landowners on a variety of issues such as well-water protection, funding for conservation projects, preservation of farmland, and others. Join us for our annual seedling sale which takes place every April.

Learn more about NRICD & our Annual Seedling sale at: www.nricd.org





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NRICD and Providence Water partner to implement the **Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Program (SRWEP)** which aims to educate watershed residents about protecting our drinking water resources. Visit www.landwaterconnection.org
 Contact: Gina DeMarco, District Manager 401.934.0840

🌿 **RI Department of Environmental Management, Division of Forest Environment (RI DEM):** Develops forest and wildlife management plans for private landowners who choose to manage their property in ways that will protect resources on their land. RI DEM Division of Forest Environment also monitors insect and disease issues, provides recommendations for best management of state owned forest lands, promotes urban tree health, license arborists, and certifies forestland under the state's Farm, Forest, & Open Space (FFOS) Act. Contact: Paul Dolan, 401.647.3367

Learn more about RI DEM Programs that can benefit you at: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/forest/index.htm>

🌿 **United States Department of Agriculture—Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS):** USDA-NRCS offers financial and technical assistance to Private Forest Landowners to develop or revise Forest Management plans and implement forest management practices. Eligible applicants are current private forest landowners with 10 or more acres who currently have a forest management plan or are interested in developing a plan to manage their land for forest health, productivity, wildlife habitat, and others. Landowners presently enrolled in FFOS may also be eligible. Contact: Justin Tuthill, Northern District Conservationist, 401.822.8839 or call NRICD at 401.949.1480

Learn more about conservation assistance at: <http://www.ri.nrcs.usda.gov/>

🌿 **RI Resource Conservation & Development (RI RC&D):** RI RC&D is a not for-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation that initiates, assists, and carries out long-range programs of resource conservation and development. The Council utilizes a locally led process to identify and implement programs and projects that stimulate the economy and enhance the wise use of renewable natural resources. Woodland owners may be interested in the **Rhode Island Coverts Program** which is designed to assist landowners in conserving their land and protecting wildlife habitats in an effort to sustain forests and prevent further fragmentation. Contact: Christopher Modisette, RC&D Coordinator, 401.822.8877 x877

Learn more about the Coverts Program & Conserving Woodlands at: www.rircd.org

🌿 **RI Forest Conservators Organization (RIFCO):** RIFCO is a non-profit forest conservation organization, whose members are primarily forest landowners and other like-minded conservationists, dedicated to the protection and wise use of Rhode Island's woodland resources. RIFCO offers walk and talk opportunities, lectures, and other educational opportunities for woodland owners. Contact: Marc Tremblay, 401.568.3410

Learn more about member benefits and access to woodland owner resources at: www.rifco.org

🌿 **RI Tree Farm:** RI Tree Farm promotes growing renewable forest resources on private lands while protecting environmental benefits and increasing public understanding of all benefits of productive forestry. The RI Tree farm follows The American Tree Farm System's (ATFS) standards and guidelines for property owners in order to become a certified Tree Farm. Under these standards and guidelines, private forest owners must develop a management plan and pass an inspection by an ATFS volunteer forester every five years. Contact: John Macera, 401.647.5690

To learn more about enrolling in the RI Tree Farm program visit: www.rifco.org/RITreeFarm/



ORDER FORM

Please complete the form below to receive FREE Woodland Owner Literature & Resources. Return form to:
Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Program • 2283 Hartford Ave • Johnston, RI 02919

You may also email request to GinaLDeMarco@juno.com. Be sure to include ALL information requested in the Order Form.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Phone/Email _____

Please send me a copy of the following brochures (check all that apply):

Forest Business Opportunities	Foresters and the Care of Your Land	Today's Forest Tomorrow's Legacy
Forest Stewardship	RIFCO Member Brochure	Citizen's Guide to FFOS
Forest Certification & Assessment (FFOS)	USDA-NRCS Program Information	The Forests of Rhode Island
Riparian Buffers & Healthy Watersheds	Family Forests Facing Increasing Risks	Wetland Invaders
Are Wetlands in YOUR Backyard?	Pest Alert-Asian Longhorned Beetle	Insect & Disease Problems
Woody B. Woodland	Forests for People: (Please indicate which grades you would like information for)	
USDA-Agroforestry: (Please indicate which brochures you would like)		

Optional:

WOODLAND OWNER SURVEY

Please take a moment to answer the following questions. Your responses will aid us in developing woodland owner outreach materials that are practical, effective, and meet the needs of woodland owners in Northern Rhode Island.

Total Woodland Acres: _____ Location of Woodlot (town): _____

Are there wetlands or water resources within or abutting your woodlot? _____

Do you actively manage your wood lot? If so, please briefly describe your activities and any forest products you produce, use, or sell. _____

Are you potentially interested in one-on-one technical assistance for woodland management? _____

Please rank in order of importance (1 being the highest) the following workshop opportunities that would be beneficial for you. If you are not interested in a certain topic, leave blank:

___ Woodlot Management for Wildlife Habitat

___ Woodlot Management for Forest Health

___ Woodlot Business Opportunities

___ Financial Assistance through USDA-NRCS

___ Beautifying your woodlot

___ Working with your Neighbors—
Reconnecting Forest Fragments

___ How to Inventory your woodlot

___ Estate Management

___ Woodlot Management for Productivity

___ Woodlot Management for Recreation & Aesthetics

___ Sale of Development Rights (ex: to a land trust)

___ Alternative Forestry Products (ex: Witch hazel)

___ Invasive Species Issues & Control

___ Walk & Talks (topics may include history, identification of native species, landscaping with native plants, etc.)

___ Identifying and Controlling Disease and Pests

Other Interests: _____

