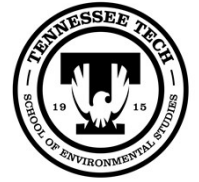




Providing Resources for Female Forestland Owners

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Introduction

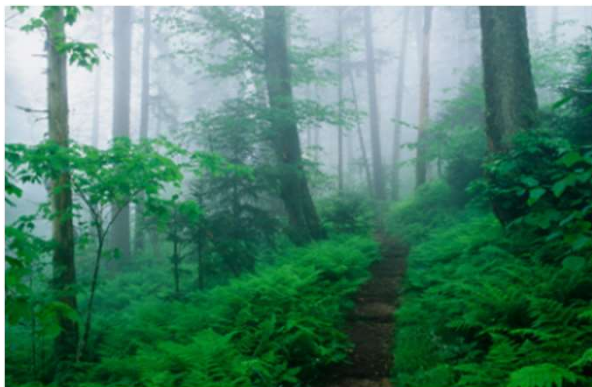
Sixty-five percent of forestland in Tennessee is owned by women, either independently or jointly, but few women-focused resources are available. We worked in cooperation with the Tennessee chapter of The Nature Conservancy and developed curricula to provide educational opportunities specifically for women forestland owners. Databases were created to enable private forestland owners to realize the full potential of their land and the opportunities available. We provided both databases and the curricula to The Nature Conservancy in Tennessee for their use.

Databases

- We created two databases – one as a repository of forestland management resources, funding opportunities, and stewardship organizations for landowners, and the other to identify landowners of 10-100 acres in the Upper Cumberland.

Number of Private Landowner Parcels in the Upper Cumberland	
10-20 acres	80
21-30 acres	104
31-40 acres	62
41-50 acres	66
51-60 acres	43
61-70 acres	26
71-80 acres	31
81-90 acres	21
91-100 acres	16
Total Parcels	449

Number of Current Programs for Landowners	
Federal	12
State	2
Private	2



Curricula

We developed these curricula by researching topics as well as referring to course notes from classes we have attended at Tennessee Tech University. Professionals knowledgeable in each topic will serve as instructors for the courses. The courses will likely be taught in a seminar format.

Course topics include:

- plant identification (trees and shrubs)
- foraging
- invasive plant eradication and control
- watershed ecology
- soil ecology
- forest management
- estate planning

Please feel free to scan the QR code below to access the document showcasing the curricula for the seven courses.



Achievements

- Developed curricula for seven courses that can be taught independently of each other or together as a seminar
- Developed a database containing information regarding landowner demographics
- Developed a database containing information about resources, funding opportunities, and organizations that could be helpful to private forestland owners. Attendees of the courses can use the database to learn more about forestry programs in Tennessee and the Upper Cumberland region.

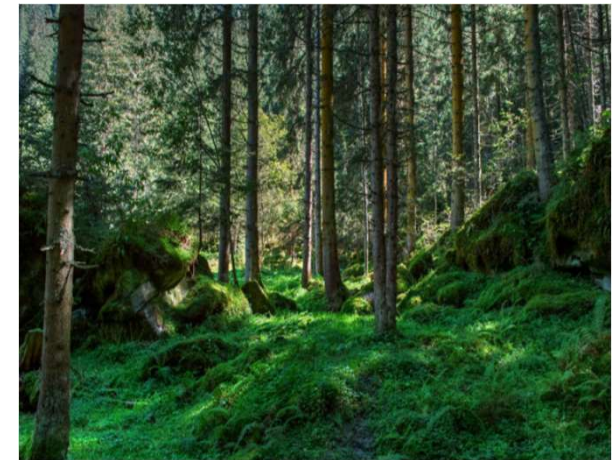
Vision

We are hopeful that these courses will become an integral part of educating forestland owners in Tennessee about healthy forest stewardship practices. These courses could potentially take place at Tennessee Tech University or at the Bridgestone Nature Reserve at Chestnut Mountain.

We anticipate the databases we created can be built upon to further assist private forest landowners in the Upper Cumberland region. In the future, these databases can be distributed to forestland owners who do not attend the courses we designed.

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