



# Free Programs for Woodland Landowners!

## MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership

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Greetings!

When you think about the woods, what memories come to mind? Ever stumble upon an unexpected critter or were surprised by the beauty of a new fallen snow in your woods? Ever been thankful for a wood stove during a power outage or watched part of your property overwhelmed by invasive plants? Do you judge the seasons by the work you need to do in the woods, or feel satisfied knowing the patch of woods in your backyard is there for the birds?

You are invited to join us for a night of **Woods Wisdom**, where you'll hear local stories about the woods and learn about how we can all promote good forestry in our neighborhoods. Come share your woods wisdom with other landowners like you! There are 3 different woods wisdom events occurring at a location near you:

- Thursday, February 16th, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Brookfield United Congregational Church located at 8 Central Street in Brookfield, MA
- Thursday, March 2nd, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30pm in Meeting Room 1 of the Palmer Town Hall, located at 4417 Main Street, Palmer MA
- Thursday, March 9th, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Hardwick Town House, located at 40 Common Street, Hardwick MA

Interested? To RSVP or to learn more information about these events, please contact Sarah Brodeur, Regional Conservation Coordinator for the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership, with my contact information at the bottom of this message.

We are offering these programs as part of a project to encourage local owners of woodlands to learn more about how they can benefit from good stewardship of their forested land. Well managed woodlands have economic benefits for the owner and the community, and helps protect wildlife habitat, watersheds and drinking water supplies.

After our **Woods Wisdom** programs, the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership, with its local partners the East Quabbin Land Trust and Opacum Land Trust, will be offering two **half-day trainings** for woodland landowners to gain more specific knowledge on the economic, ecological and wildlife benefits of forestry, and their options for protecting their land.

In April, we will hold several tours, “**Woods Walks**” of privately owned and managed forests to provide you with the opportunity to see what your neighbors are doing with their forests and hear first-hand about the issues, and pleasures, of owning, managing, and caring for your woods.

The **half-day trainings** will take place on March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>. Details on locations and times will soon be determined.

The **Woods Walks** will take place on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Details on locations and times will be forthcoming.

These programs are free and there is no obligation for participation – this is offered as a benefit for woodland landowners. Please join us for one, or as many of these programs as you would like – we would love to have you with us.

For more information about these events, please contact me, and to find out more about the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership, please visit [www.mymassconnwoods.org](http://www.mymassconnwoods.org).

Best,  
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