

Virginia Cooperative Extension

Knowledge for the Commonwealth

Annual Review of Northern District: 2003-04 Forestry & Natural Resources Program Highlights

Natural Resource Professional & Forest Landowner Education

- Objective: To improve the sustainability of private forests, large & small
- Methods & Impacts:
 - 3 Sustainable Harvesting And Logging Professional (SHARP) continuing education classes
 - ✓ Total of 70 loggers, each training = 6 hrs. Improved ability to respond to spills, handle negotiations, deal appropriately with threatened & endangered wildlife & safe chainsaw use.
 - 2nd Annual Landowners Woods & Wildlife Conf., 252 participants/ 26,000 acres (7 hr. program)
 - ✓ 80% identified a specific action to undertake within 6 months to improve their stewardship
 - How to Sell Timber Seminar, 45 participants (5300 + acres).
 - ✓ 100% increased their ability to earn fair market value for their timber.
 - Woodland Options for Landowners, 14 participants owning 2000+ acres (12 hr. shortcourse)
 - ✓ 57% indicated this introductory course would help them better manage their forestland.
 - Wildlife Options for Landowners, 21 landowners owning 2000 acres (12 hr. shortcourse)
 - ✓ 71% indicated this introductory course would help them better meet their wildlife goals.



SHARP logger chainsaw safety continuing ed. program in Green Co.

- 69 volunteers contributed over 300 hours as instructors, facilitators, planners, and evaluators.

Mission Statement:

To enable people to make the best decisions regarding the forests & natural resources, within their realm of influence, resulting in environmentally sustainable management, growth, and quality of life for that person and that community.

Forestry & Natural Resources Media Campaign

- 15 radio programs (from July 1 –Dec. 2003) have been delivered
 - Topics cover a range of urban, rural and interface issues
- 13 educational articles developed & published through local and regional newspapers & educational newsletters
 - Topics: Watersheds, Tree Care, Storm damage to trees, species highlights, environmental landscaping, etc.

Contact Summary

Northern District Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Program

Program Year July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004

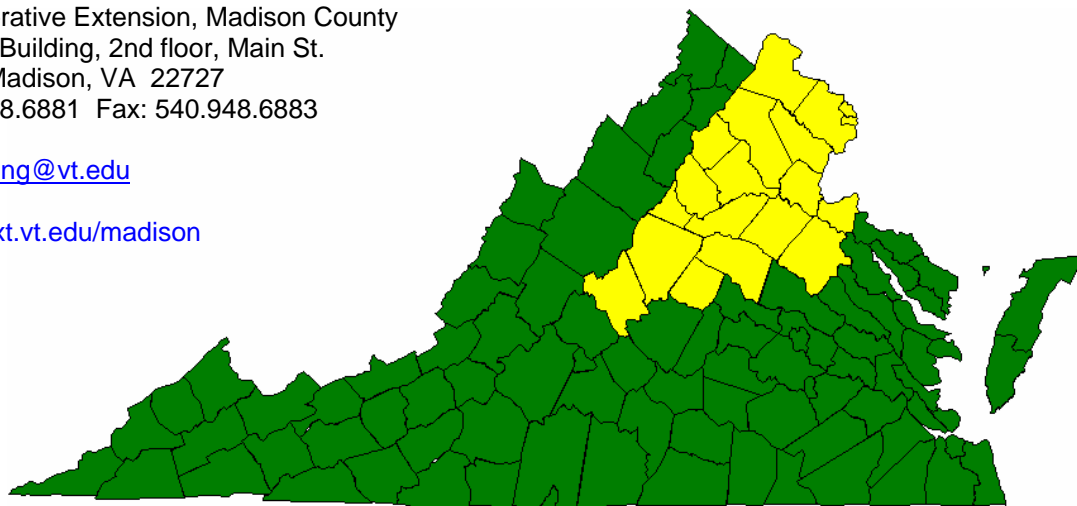
Face-to-Face	Electronic Mail	Telephone	Newsletter	Other
2818	337	59	34,086	23

TOTAL Contacts = 37,323

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