The Master Woodland Owner program delivers a year-long training curriculum for private woodland owners interested in becoming better stewards of their woods.

Join Us Today!

More details on the program and a link to register can be found at www.mwop.umn.edu

Contact Us

Want to learn more about the Master Woodland Owner program? University of Minnesota Extension-forestry staff members are ready to answer your questions:

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Master Woodland Owner Program
It takes years to grow a healthy forest, but just one to learn how to cultivate, care for, and plan for the future of yours.
HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED:

- What are my hopes and dreams for my woods?
- How many trees are on my property and what species do I have?
- How healthy are my woods?
- How do wildlife species depend on my woods?
- How are my woods changing?

The Master Woodland Owner program is a cohort-driven educational program in which you will learn from experts and other forest landowners.

MASTER WOODLAND OWNER PROGRAM

The goal of the Master Woodland Owner program is to encourage the adoption of sustainable forest management practices that improve the health, productivity, and resilience of Minnesota's forests.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Any woodland owner and their family members responsible for managing woodlands in Minnesota or the Upper Midwest region is eligible to register. There is no minimum or maximum acreage requirement.

HOW WILL YOU BENEFIT?

Your property is special for many reasons. It may be a place where you spend time with family, hunt, or watch wildlife. Your investment in the Master Woodland Owner program will help you with caring for your land. You will come away with new options, new ideas, and develop specific actions that will provide a path to leaving your land in a better condition for future generations. Join us by becoming a Master Woodland Owner.

HOW IS THE PROGRAM DELIVERED?

The Master Woodland Owner program consists of meeting as a group at the Gathering Partners of Natural Resources Conference (face-to-face field tours and workshops held in May), online educational courses (covering twelve topics on woodland stewardship throughout the year), and a fall field tour. You will be learning with a cohort of like-minded woodland owners just like you.

CURRICULUM AND OVERVIEW

After completing the Master Woodland Owner program, participants will be able to:

- Consider the different reasons and ways to manage their woods
- Identify common trees and invasive plants
- Map their property and conduct a woodland inventory
- Find and talk with natural resources professionals
- Select appropriate trees and know how to plant them
- Develop and refine goals for their property
- Discuss financial considerations of land ownership (including tax incentives and estate planning) with their family and financial/tax advisors

REGISTRATION AND COST

We are committed to providing quality landowner education that is affordable. That's why this year-long class has a total investment of only $295, which includes the registration costs for the Gathering Partners of Natural Resources conference.

Additional members of the same household or co-owners of the same property are eligible to receive a discounted registration of $150. Contact us for details.

Registration opens in mid-March.

Want more information on topics related to your woods?

Your one-stop shop for woodland stewardship in Minnesota and upcoming classes:

www.myminnesotawoods.umn.edu

UMN Extension Forestry
Expert-based information on trees and woodlands in Minnesota:

www.extension.umn.edu/environment/trees-woodlands/