



Federation of Nova Scotia Woodland Owners Sustainable Forest Management Policy

The Federation of Nova Scotia Woodland Owners is committed to promoting forest management practices that contribute to the long-term health and productivity of Nova Scotia's privately owned woodland. As a representative of small-private woodland owners, we will provide training and resources to help them manage their forests for a balance of ecological and economic potential.

Programs administered by the Federation of Nova Scotia Woodland Owners will be based on the following forest management goals:

1. Follow the FSC Ten Principles of Forest Management as outlined on the Forest Stewardship Council's website <https://ic.fsc.org/the-10-principles.103.htm>
2. Encourage multiple use of woodland
3. Protect biological diversity
4. Maintain forest soil productivity and water quality
5. Conserve identified species-at-risk and significant habitat
6. Protect areas of cultural, historical, geological or archaeological significance

We will meet these goals by ensuring that any staff, contractors, operators or woodland owners that are enrolled in Federation programs have access to competency and awareness training. Our target is to have program participants performing forest management activities in compliance with applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws, acts and regulations; and in conformance with provincial Best Management Practices.

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