

KWOA Fall Conference Success

The KWOA Fall Conference was once again a successful event, providing vital fellowship and a great deal of enrichment for all of our members. Coming soon, an event recap in the upcoming winter edition of our Woodlands Newsletter! If you attended and have images to share, please send them to editor@kwoa.net.



KY-IPC Nominations

It's that time of year again! The Kentucky Invasive Plant Council (KY-IPC) is seeking nominations for awards. These nominations will be reviewed by a KY-IPC committee, and award winners will be recognized during the [2025 Invasive Plant Conference](#) on November 18, 2025, at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, KY.



KY Invasive Plant Council 2025 Award Nominations

Nominations are due by the end of the day on **Friday, October 31, 2025.**

Woodland Community Updates

KNLT is Hiring!

Kentucky Natural Lands Trust is seeking a full-time Conservation Field Technician to contribute to stewardship projects and assist with land conservation. The position will conduct management and monitoring of KNLT and



conservation partners' properties within the Appalachian Highlands in southeastern Kentucky. Applications will be accepted through November 16, so apply today or share the job posting with someone who may be interested!

[Read the full job listing and apply here.](#)



Kentucky Resource Council Annual Meeting

November 15, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m.
Berea College Forest Outreach Center

KRC Executive Director Ashley Wilmes will share highlights from this year's achievements and a look ahead to 2026. We'll also announce our 2025 Environmental Champion Award winners and host a Q&A session to bring you up-to-date on environmental issues impacting our state. An optional outdoor experience will be offered before the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Call 502-875-2428 with questions.

[Learn more and register here.](#)



2025 Invasive Plant Conference

November 18 | Eastern KY University

Join us for a day of learning about invasive plants and networking with other professionals! This conference will feature a morning of talks by a range of speakers. Over lunch, we will highlight new research in a student poster session. In the afternoon, participants will be able to choose from several field opportunities.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

2025 Habitat Management Symposium

Registration is officially open for the KSU Forestry and Natural Resources 2025 Habitat Symposium of learning, networking, and collaboration.

Date: December 2nd & 3rd

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm ET

Location: Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm, Frankfort

Cost: \$50 2-day registration, \$30 1-day registration, student registration, and pricing available.



Lunch: Lunch provided both days, light breakfast and coffee included. There will also be a light dinner provided at the social.

[Learn more and register here.](#)



Log to Lumber Workshop

The Berry Center Farm & Forest Institute

This one-day workshop is designed for individuals interested in learning how to utilize a farm tractor forestry winch to haul timber from the woods and to operate a portable sawmill to turn logs into lumber. Limited to 4 participants.

Date: December 6

Cost: \$50

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Items to Note:

Kentucky Prescribed Fire Council

The mission is to promote understanding and enhance collaboration for the use of ecologically based prescribed fire. Learn more at their website [here](#) and [here](#).



The Yale Forest Forum will host two free speaker series:

- "[Frontiers in Forest Carbon Crediting](#)," Tuesdays, September 2–December 2, 2025, noon–1 p.m. U.S. Eastern time
- "[A History of Scientific Forestry: From Extraction to Ecosystem Management](#)," Thursdays, September 4–December 4, 2025, noon–1 p.m. U.S. Eastern time

The Environmental Leadership & Training Initiative will offer a six-week online course, "[Navigating Corporate Engagement in Carbon Markets](#)," January 26–March 8, 2026.

The Berry Center Farm & Forest Institute *Fall 2025 Practical Farm Woodland Management* registration open now! Learn more [here](#).

Woodland Community Ongoing Items of Interest

- Kentucky Farmland Transition Network, KFTI, Network Updates: KFTI website [here](#) and we have added a Section to the KWOA website [here](#). KWOA is proud to be a part of the KFTI Team! Come hear the latest at the KWOA Fall Conference!
 - USDA offers disaster assistance but there are also *tax considerations*. Learn about *Casualty Losses* in [this](#) "Ask the Expert" with Dr. Tamara Cushing.
 - Forestry Suppliers have several promotions going that offer opportunities for you to restock and use your KWOA discount. Once you order you get emails with offers. See link below under "Just so you know..."
 - Carbon Credit Program Tracking was updated on the KWOA website [here](#)
 - National Woodland Owners Association, NWOA, lowered their membership subscription rate. See updated rates on our website [here](#).
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Need Help in the Woods? Check out the Quick Reference Links on our KWOA Resources section [here](#). You will find links to these resources and more:

- Both Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) and Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters (KACF) can help you develop a management Plan for your woodlands.
 - KDF Vendors List of people who can help carry out the practices for or with you.
 - KACF Find a Forester List
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) are the primary source of information on programs to help you carry out management practices on your land. [Find your local office](#).
 - UK Forestry and Natural Resources Cooperative Extension offers a wealth of helpful publications and programming; learn more <https://forestry.ca.uky.edu/extension>. Find [your county extension office](#) and let them know you are interested in forestry-related programs locally.
 - Kentucky Farmland Transition Initiative, ([KFTI](#)) addressing the loss of Kentucky farmland and decline in Kentucky farmers
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Planning a Harvest?

A Kentucky Master Logger must be onsite and in charge of every commercial logging operation (excluding horse loggers). Kentucky's best management practices must be used in every commercial logging operation (including horse loggers). Here are some helpful resources (find links on our Resources Section: [Quick Reference Links](#) noted above.

- Kentucky Master Logger Program
 - Kentucky Division of Forestry
 - Bad Actor Information & List
 - Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters
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Just so you know...

- If you haven't already joined the KWOA network, [click here to join](#). Dues

paid after July 1 provide membership through FY 2026. So don't wait- join or renew today!

- KWOA members receive a 10% discount at [Forestry Suppliers](#). The code will be on an emailed receipt when you join or renew online.
- You can share our news and mission! Links to do so can be found at the bottom of this email.
- Don't hesitate to [contact us](#) with questions, suggestions, news, or to volunteer.

Growing Forests for Our Future! KWOA volunteers work year-round to support Kentucky's woodland owners and contribute to sustainable forestry.

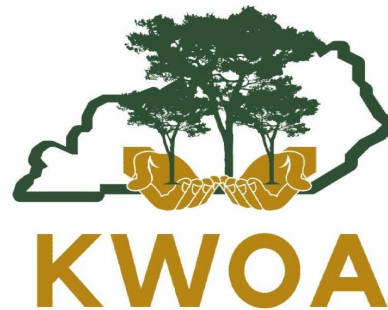
KWOA Mission

"Bringing people and woodland sustainability together"

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