

# Forest Conservation

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## Growing Tomorrow's Forests Today

America's forest products industry is committed to practicing sustainable forestry. That means managing forests to meet the needs of today, while simultaneously

ensuring the presence of abundant forests that can meet future needs. This requires growing and harvesting trees to make products, while also preserving the environment and maintaining a habitat for wildlife.

Reforestation is the cornerstone of sustainable forestry. Replanting trees promptly after harvest ensures that new forests are in place to prevent soil erosion and protect water quality. It is one of many guidelines designed to ensure that our forests will provide future generations the environmental and economic value they do today. The forest products industry as a whole plants 1.7 million trees a day — which exceeds the number of trees harvested.

AF&PA members use Best Management Practices (BMPs) to guide forest operations. BMPs protect environmental quality by setting

guidelines for erosion control measures, requiring buffers around streams, and providing rules for waste disposal and pesticide use.

Careful forest management allows regular harvesting of timber without adversely impacting air and water quality or wildlife habitats.

### FOREST FACTS

- About one-third of the United States — 747 million acres — is forestland.
- The forest products industry plants at least 1.7 million trees each day — that works out to about two trees a year for each person in the U.S.
- In the nation's commercial forests, net annual growth exceeds harvests and losses to insects and disease by 49 percent each year.

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