

## St. Croix - Kettle River Watershed (2018-2019)

# Master Woodland Owner Course Syllabus

We know how deeply you care about your land. That's why we've developed the Master Woodland Owner program and tailored the St. Croix-Kettle River course especially for people who are interested in stewardship planning. This comprehensive education program provides you with the resources you need to plan for your woodland to keep it healthy for future generations. It takes years to grow a healthy forest. We will help you cultivate, care for, and plan for the future of your woodland.

## Education to fit your schedule

Eleven self-paced modules are offered online. Each contains exercises and group discussions. Complete the work on your schedule, while still contributing to group learning. Four in-person and two online/phone meetings will be held to help answer your questions and to provide an opportunity to meet with and learn from your neighbors.

## Comprehensive learning

After completing the Master Woodland Owner program, you will:

- Have an action plan to accomplish one project on your woodland,
- Know options for woodland management,
- Know who to contact if you need assistance, and
- Be eligible to receive cost share assistance (up to \$250) from the St. Croix River Association to have a stewardship plan written for your property. This cost share assistance is made possible by funding support through USDA Forest Service-State and Private Forestry.

## Registration

All landowners are welcome to register for this class. A reduced rate of \$145 for Minnesota landowners is supported through funding available through USDA Forest Service-State and Private Forestry. Each additional family member may register for \$50.

Before registering, all participants are asked to complete a short application found at [z.umn.edu/mwosc](http://z.umn.edu/mwosc). We will provide applicants with a discount code. Discount codes must be used at time of registration and cannot be applied retroactively.

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Course schedule**

Online, self-paced learning modules

In-person or online meetings

Date	Module title	Description
Thursday, September 13	Module 1: Your hopes for your land	Developing goals and plans, working with a natural resource professional
Thursday, September 27	Module 2: Mapping your woods	Using My Land Plan and other tools to map your land
Saturday, September 29 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Woodland field tour Location to be determined	Woodland stewardship planning and implementation; tree identification
Thursday, October 11	Module 3: A walk in your woods	How management influences tree species composition, density and health
Tuesday, October 16 6-7:30 p.m.	Meet-up web and phone	A framework for woodland management planning
Thursday, October 25	Module 4: How many trees are in your woods?	Woodland inventory
Friday, October 26 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Woodland field tour Location to be determined	Forest measurement; participant site visit
Thursday, November 8	Module 5: Soils, topography and hydrology	Soils influence on tree growth
Thursday, November 29	Module 6: Non-timber forest products	Sustainable use of woodland products, American Indian use of woodland and treaty rights
Thursday, November 29	Capstone Exercise	Develop action steps to accomplish your goals or implement an item from your stewardship plan. <b>Completed capstone projects are due February 28.</b>



Thursday, December 13	Module 7: Tree regeneration	Natural regeneration and tree planting
Tuesday, December 11 6-7:30 p.m.	Meet-up web and phone	Topic to be determined based on participant input
Thursday, January 3	Module 8: Silviculture	Systems used to manage the forest
Thursday, January 17	Module 9: How to manage your woods	Logging equipment and working with loggers
Thursday, January 31	Module 10: Wildlife and your woodlands	Golden winged warblers and how to attract other wildlife
Saturday, January 26 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Woodland field tour Location to be determined	Visiting an active logging job
Thursday, February 14	Module 11: Income taxes, property taxes and succession planning	An introduction to financial aspects of woodland ownership
Thursday March 28 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	St. Croix Forestry Conference The Lodge at Crooked Lake, Siren, WI	Presentation of completion certificates, review questions on your stewardship plans. Open discussion and Q and A. Next steps.

This program is supported and co-sponsored by the St. Croix River Association, MN Forest Resources Council-Northeast and East Central Landscape Committees, and USDA Forest Service-State and Private Forestry.