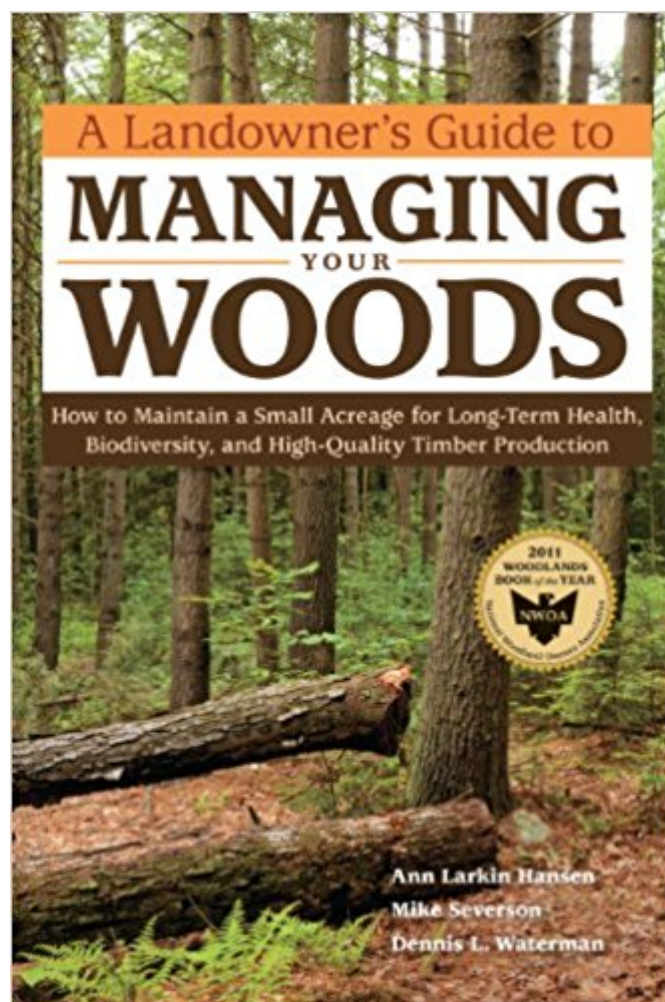




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# A Landowner's Guide To Managing Your Woods: How To Maintain A Small Acreage For Long-Term Health, Biodiversity, And High-Quality Timber Production





## Synopsis

Whether you have a few acres of trees in the suburbs or a small commercial forest, you can encourage a healthy and sustainable ecosystem through proper woodland management. This introductory guide shows you how to identify the type, health, and quality of your trees and suggests strategies for keeping your woodland thriving.

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## Customer Reviews

**Make the Most of Your Woodlands** Whether you own a few acres of woodland or many, *A Landowner's Guide to Managing Your Woods* will help you become an active and effective steward of your forest. Beginning with an explanation of the natural processes governing forest development, the authors present active steps you can take to guide your woodland toward a state of health and beauty and sustainably produce one of the world's greatest renewable resources -- wood. The steps of stewardship include:

- \*Assessing your forest type, soils, terrain, and climate
- \*Determining what trees and wildlife will do best on your land
- \*Working with a forester and a logger to create and implement a sustainable, long-term plan
- \*Developing wildlife habitat and trail systems
- \*Pruning and thinning trees to improve health and growth rate.

The authors -- a landowner, a logger, and a forester -- all manage their own woodlands using sustainable practices. Their advice and insights will help your forest provide income while remaining healthy, productive, and beautiful for future generations to enjoy.

Steve and Ann Larkin Hansen, authors of *Maintaining Small-Farm Equipment*, have run a family farm in Wisconsin for the last 20 years. While Steve has kept their farm equipment running smoothly, Ann has authored books, including *The Organic Farming Manual*, *A Landowner's Guide to Managing Your Woods*, *Finding Good Farmland*, *Making Hay*, and *Electric Fencing*. She has also served as a regional editor for *The Country Today* and a contributing writer to *Mother Earth News*.  
Mike Severson is a Certified Master Logger, licensed arborist, and tree surgeon. He is dedicated to sustainable forestry and education for good forest management.  
Dennis L. Waterman is a professional consulting forester who serves private landowners with small acreages. His services include forest stewardship management plans; timber harvest; and forest inventory, mapping, and appraisals.

I wanted a book to tell me what to do with some woodland property that I inherited. This book did a pretty good job of talking about using woodland property to produce timber for sale. It goes pretty heavily into the forestry side of things. I didn't really need to know how to produce timber for sale but it did give me ideas on how to better manage the trees and thin them out so the best, grow bigger. The one take away that I got from this book is to plan for the future in passing property on to the next generation. I wish my parents had better prepared me.

Excellent book. It's not meant for specifics, as every property is different, but it really provides you a basic background in ecology, finances, and dendrology. It really helps get the gears of land management working in your brain. This book is geared to the upper Midwest, especially Wisconsin woodlands.

no complaints. pretty good

Excellent book for landowners seeking guidance on forming land management plans and the reasons for doing so.

About a year ago, I acquired large tracts of land in the Sierra Nevada foothills. Much of this land is forested and I, someone with no background in land management needed to learn. This book taught me vast amounts of knowledge about forest ecology and management. I now feel that my land is in responsible hands.

One of my two favorite books on wildlife management. This book focuses on the forest part of the equation. Tom Indrebo has an excellent book on the animal side of things. Both great resources for someone that want to improve habitat and interact with their property to help it be as alive and well as possible.

I've read some books on this topic, having recently purchased woodland. This book covers a lot of topics that others just don't seem to. It was a good read and helped me think about effective forest management.

This book not only answered every question I had, but also answered the ones I hadn't thought of yet and that is where it's true value lies to any property owner where trees grow. Highly recommend it.

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