

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA)

The forest landowners in Tennessee benefit from the RREA program by gaining knowledge of responsible natural resource management, and then implementing sound practices on their land. Partnerships with several state agencies as well as private and industrial firms help to leverage RREA resources. In recent years, RREA funds were used to develop and deliver two successful programs: County Forestry Associations (CFA) and Forest*A*Syst.

Impacts

- ◆ 27 new County Forestry Associations (CFA) were formed, representing over 1,500 landowners and 230,000 acres of forestland.
- ◆ CFA participants indicated the average improvement in income (or projected savings) on a per acre basis for their land as a result of involvement in a CFA averaged \$75.00 per acre and when applied to the 230,000 acres represented, the total income improvement for all CFAs was \$17,250,000, or \$11,500 per landowner.
- ◆ 99% of the participants indicated a willingness to adopt the material presented from education programs.
- ◆ 97% of the participants indicated a better understanding of the need to receive technical assistance with their forestry and wildlife management in order to minimize non-point source water pollution and implement Best Management Practices.
- ◆ The knowledge of methods to reduce non-point source water pollution in forestry operations before, then after, the programs increased from 1.98 to 4.15 (on a 5-point scale).



Private landowners study forest management.

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