



Sustainability / Statewide Scale



<p align="center"><i>Educating Landowners about the Concepts and Practices of Sustainable Forest Management</i></p>	
<p>Place-Based Example</p>	<p>The Pennsylvania State University, as part of the Sustainable Forests Partnership (SFP), developed a Pennsylvania-specific stewardship principles brochure and series of articles using the National Association of State Foresters' (NASF) Stewardship Handbook and the Montreal Process Criteria & Indicators (MPCI) framework.</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Description: The NASF, in 2005, developed “<i>A Stewardship Handbook for Family Forest Ownerships</i>” using the MPCI as a framework and suggesting seven principles private forest landowners can follow as they practice stewardship. The Pennsylvania State University developed a four-fold brochure and a series of articles stepping down use of the MPCI to local stewardship principles landowners can use to clarify their ownership goals. The brochure was developed in collaboration with forest landowners and state agency natural resource professionals. While the brochure highlights the stewardship principles, a series of feature articles on the stewardship principles from Winter 2007 to Autumn 2008 in <i>Forest Leaves</i> (a quarterly newsletter for forest landowners) provide a comprehensive discussion of each stewardship principle, corresponding state regulations, and its application by landowners. State forestry personnel, extension agents, and woodland owner associations are disseminating the materials to the public.</p> <p>Context: The MPCI are most effective when used at multiple scales including the local level where forests and land ownerships vary by state. For example, in Pennsylvania much of the forest is owned and managed by 744,000 private landowners. State-specific educational materials address the more local concerns and forest management dynamics such as invasive plants, non-timber forest products, and carbon sequestration. The educational materials developed in this project can easily be duplicated and customized by other states.</p> <p>Value Added: The MPCI provided a framework for developing state-specific landowner educational tools. The project demonstrates MPCI can be applied at the local level. In addition, the project is a model of landowner, state agency, and university collaboration to create forest stewardship principles the public understands and can apply to their land. The project as well as educational materials are available on the web and can be replicated by other states. In addition, project results and materials are being presented at national extension education and natural resource conferences.</p>
<p>Key Resources and Web Links</p>	<p>Forest Stewardship Principles for Landowners http://rmext.cas.psu.edu/PDFs/FSPrinciples.pdf</p> <p>Stewardship Principle articles http://rmext.cas.psu.edu/FS/FSLeaves.htm</p>
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