



WESTERN WOODLOT SERVICES COOPERATIVE

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- Overview- woodlot owner cooperative
- Services provided, examples of current harvest operations
- Pricing schedule
- How to become a member, & benefits
- Questions

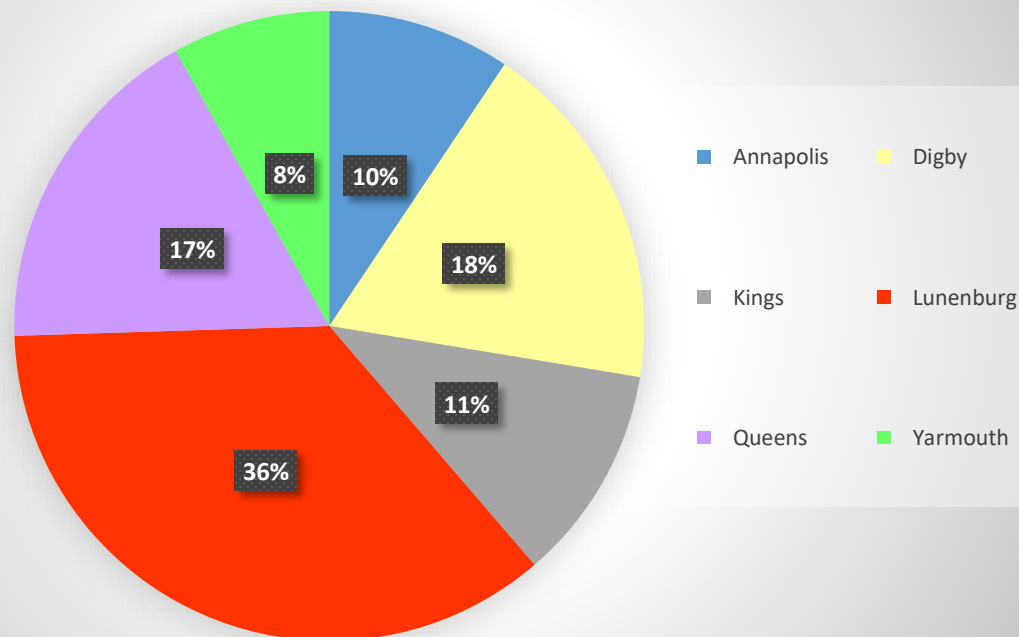


Working Group Members:

- La Foret Acadienne
- North Range Forest Products
- Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute
- Selby Testing & Engineering Ltd.
- Clare Woodlot Owners Association
- Picea Forestry Consulting
- Federation of Nova Scotia Woodland Owners
- Medway Community Forest Co-operative
- Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners and Operators Association

County-	Annapolis	Digby	Kings	Lunenburg	Queens	Yarmouth	Total
# of members	10	22	5	22	12	2	73
Area (ac)	1,706	3,294	2,019	6,486	3,149	1,475	18,129
% of total area	9.4%	18.2%	11.1%	35.8%	17.4%	8.1%	
Avg. lot area/member							248

Percent of membership area by County



Our Mission:

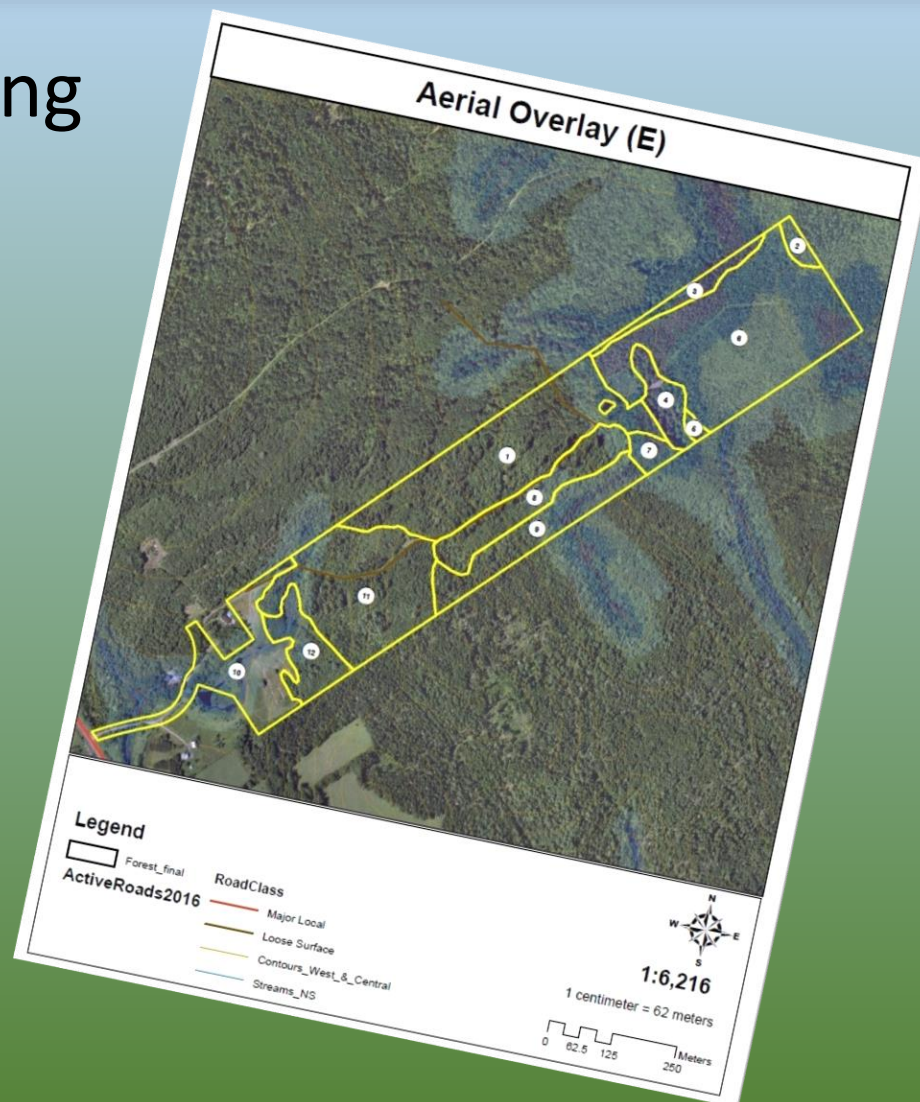
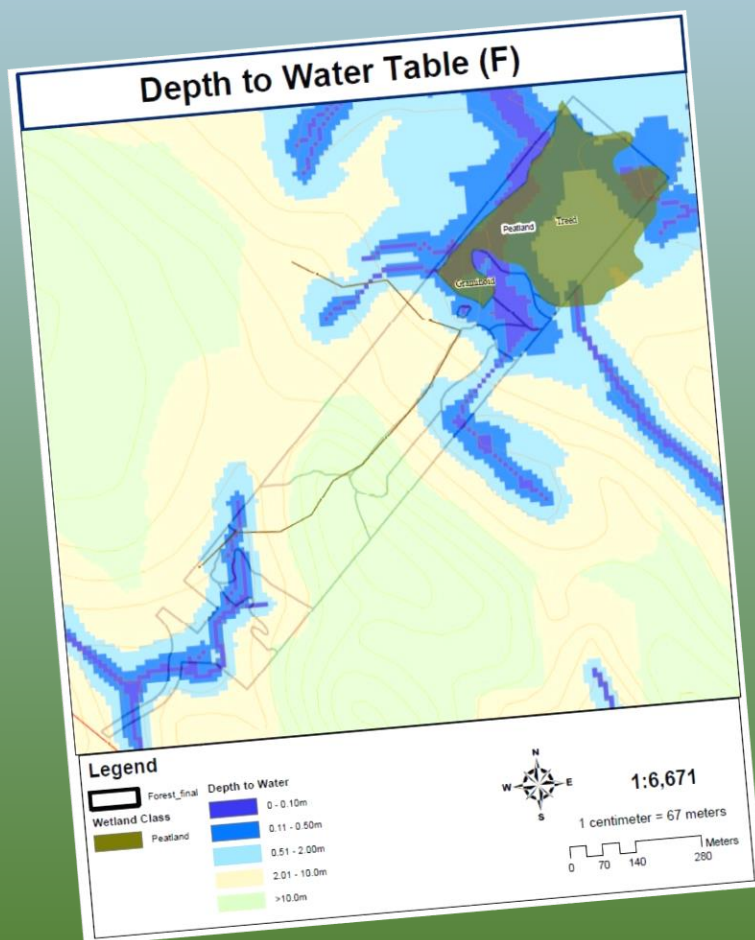
To provide forest management services that meet the *economic, environmental and social* objectives of private woodlot owners throughout the seven western counties of Nova Scotia.

- To **increase the number of woodlots** actively participating in forest management in western Nova Scotia
- To **create value** for the landowner
- To **stimulate economic development** and **strengthen rural communities**
- To maintain and **improve the health and diversity of the Acadian Forest** and the many values and benefits it offers
- To **support existing markets and promote development of new markets** for woodlot products
- To **support and promote existing and new contractors** to meet woodlot owner needs
- To work with partners **to improve understanding of the forest** and best ways to balance all forest values

- Timber cruising (forest inventory assessments)
- Valuations



- Management Planning



- Forest Certification



- Help with silviculture work and access to funding



- Operational planning
- Layout, hire contractor
- Timber harvesting, supervision
- Trucking & deliveries to market













**Mix of thinnings, partial overstory removal, and small patch cuts
40 ac, West Northfield, Lunenburg Co.**



- Education and training for woodlot owners & contractors
- Field days- opportunities to put interested woodlot owners in touch with capable contractors & see work 'in action'



- Help with road building & locating property boundary lines



- Advice on forest management & other woodlot values (e.g. wildlife, non-timber forest products, recreation)



- Informed of available programs & research that will help woodlot owners with management
 - Ecological land classification & forest ecosystem classification
 - Silviculture
 - Species at risk and recovery plans
 - Wetlands, Old growth forests
 - Snags, coarse woody debris & cavity trees



Item	Cost
WWSC Membership	\$100 (one-time fee)
Introductory Plan	No Charge
Full Management Plan	25% of the cost to produce
Harvest	2 - 5% of roadside value
Marketing & Selling Self-Harvested Wood	2% of roadside value
Silviculture	20% of total silviculture rate per hectare

To Join:

- Initial inquiry of interest
- Request introductory plan & have meeting
- Pay one-time membership fee
- Have full forest management plan completed (if desired)

Benefits:

- Access to services and information sharing
- Access to silviculture funding and markets
- Become part of collective group of like-minded woodlot owners
- Voice in establishment of Co-op's operating strategies & policies
- Opportunity to serve on the board-of-directors
- Vote in election for board-of-directors at AGM

- WWSC 1st AGM -

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Cornwallis, Annapolis Basin Conference Centre

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