Handbook was held in fall 2020 and an eight-part series in spring 2021. Natural Area Management Services series.

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The Woods in Your Backyard Program – Resources

The Woods in Your Backyard Program, established in 2006, helps small-acreage woodland owners create, enhance and maintain woodland and natural areas.

1) The Woods in Your Backyard: Learning to Create and Enhance Natural Areas Around Your Home is a 108-page guide, including more than 100 color photos, that was developed by University of Maryland Extension, Penn State Extension and Virginia Cooperative Extension. It guides small-acreage owners through the process of implementing proper forestry and wildlife habitat improvement practices to enhance a property's natural resources. \$15 purchase: https://extension.psu.edu/woods-in-your-backyard

In 2020, The Woods in Your Backyard Partnership was expanded to include the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and Virginia Department of Forestry. The partners developed resources targeting green industry professionals.

2) The Woodland Health Practices Handbook: A Practitioner's Guide to Creating, Enhancing, and *Maintaining Natural Areas* is an 85-page guide, including more than 60 color photos, that provides an overview of land management techniques, checklist and management action tables, glossary and index.

\$15 purchase: https://extension.psu.edu/woodlandhealth-practices-handbook-a-practitioner-s-guide-forcreating-enhancing-and-maintaining-natural-areas

- 3) The Woodland Health Assessment: Checklist and Management Actions is part of the handbook (above) but also available separately to assist green industry professionals and do-it-yourselfers in assessing a variety of conditions on the site and recommending management actions. Download for FREE: https://extension.umd.edu/resource/woodland-health-assessment-checklist-management-actions
- 4) The Woodland Health Practices: A Field Guide is a pocket-sized quick-reference guide to assist managers in the field with implementing land-care practices. This 68-page, full-color resource is a distillation of the handbook (above). \$7.50 purchase: https://extension.psu.edu/woodland-health-practices-field-guide

A four-part webinar series covering the information in the Woodland Health Practices Webinar recordings (FREE): www.extension.umd.edu/woodland under the Webinars and Videos link entitled

Woodland **Health Practices** Handbook













