

A Strategic Partnership to Sustain Kentucky's Forest Resources

Extension faculty and staff with the University of Kentucky Forestry and Natural Resources Extension (UK FNRE) and the Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) are collaborating to enhance the health and sustainability of Kentucky forest resources.

This report highlights examples of continued collaboration between UK FNRE and KDF

The strategic partnership between UK FNRE and KDF reflects the close alliance between the missions of the two organizations.

UK FNRE aims to enhance the ecological, economic, and social benefits of forests and related natural resources to elevate the quality of life for Kentuckians and beyond, while the mission of KDF is to protect, conserve and enhance the forest resources of the Commonwealth through a public informed of the environmental, social, and economic importance of these resources.

UK FNRE and KDF leverage their strategic partnership to anticipate and respond rapidly to the educational needs of stakeholders in Kentucky's forests.

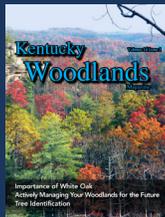


KENTUCKY MASTER LOGGER PROGRAM: The Kentucky Forest Conservation Act requires all logging operations in the state to have a Master Logger on site and in charge, and mandated program implementation. [KDF provides staff for program coordination while UK FNRE provides educators and facilities for program delivery.](#)

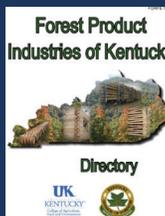


KENTUCKY WOODLAND OWNERS SHORT COURSE:

An annual education program that teaches landowners about sustainable woodland and wildlife management. [UK FNRE organizes the program while KDF assists with instruction and follow-up with the landowners.](#)



KENTUCKY WOODLANDS MAGAZINE: The flagship forestry communication platform in the state, reaches more than 10,000 woodland owners, promoting sustainable management of Kentucky's woodlands. [Both organizations co-edit the magazine and UK FNRE is responsible for publishing and distribution.](#)



KENTUCKY WOOD INDUSTRY DIRECTORY: A compilation of companies in the Kentucky wood industry, [developed and maintained by UK FNRE and KDF.](#)



KENTUCKY FOREST HEALTH CONFERENCE: An annual event that [brings state, regional, and national forest health experts together](#) with those who work in the forests to address the health of Kentucky's forest resources.



KENTUCKY FOREST LEADERSHIP PROGRAM: A week-long residential program for high school students interested in forestry, wildlife, and natural resources. [The program takes place at UK's Robinson Forest and is taught by UK FNRE faculty and staff and KDF foresters.](#)

2021-2022 Impact Outcomes

97K+

Kentuckians increased their knowledge on forest health, management and/or utilization

480+

businesses were impacted by forest health, management and utilizations programs

\$250M

Extension training and assistance affected 307,756 acres, resulting in \$259,515,709 dollars saved or earned

\$395K

\$395,476 were saved or earned by implementing forest health, management and utilizations programs

14K+

forest landowners and managers increased their knowledge of at least one exotic invasive species and its control

1,500+

landowners implemented one or more forest health, management and/or utilization practices

970+

landowners, managers and public land users used programs to prevent or control invasive species.



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