**Agencies to contact for Assistance**

**Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry**

Chad Gadsby, Service Forester

Loyalsock Forest District

PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

6735 Route 220, Dushore, PA 18614

cgadsby@pa.gov, www.dcnr.pa.gov

570-946-4049 ext.207

**Bradford County Cooperative Extension**

Email: BradfordExt@psu.edu

200 Main Street, Suite 3

Towanda, PA 18848

570-265-2898

**Sullivan County Cooperative Extension**

Email: SullivanExt@psu.edu

9219 Rte 487, Suite A

Dushore, PA 18614

570-928-7469

**Bradford County Conservation District**

Cathy Yeakel, District Manager

200 Lake Rd, Suite E

Towanda, PA 18848

570-265-5539 ext.6 or 570-485-3144

[www.bccdpa.com](http://www.bccdpa.com)

**Sullivan County Conservation District**

Holly Miller, District Manager

9219 Rte 487, Suite B

Dushore, PA 18614

570-928-7057

[www.sullcon.com](http://www.sullcon.com)

conservation@sullivancounty-pa.us

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Towanda Service Center

200 Lake Rd, Suite B

Towanda, PA 18848

Contact: Michael Hanawalt, District Conservationist

570-485-3143

Michael.Hanawalt@pa,.usda.gov

[www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/pa/home](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/pa/home)

**Penn State Extension**

Sarah Wurzbacher

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**Center for Private Forests**

**Ecosystems.psu.edu/research/centers/private-forests**

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BRADFORD SULLIVAN FOREST LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION



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 **Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Township \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Wooded acreage Owned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Consulting Forester YES / NO

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Forest Management Plan YES / NO

Main Objective \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Send to:

Bradford-Sullivan Forest Landowners Association

P.O. Box 473

Wysox, PA 18854-0473

Full Membership ($25 per year) Requires owning, leasing or managing 15 contiguous wooded acres or more.

Associate Membership ($15 per year) Non-voting, none to 15 wooded acres Member Year is JAN 1 through DEC 31

 **Objectives**

To enable forest landowners to manage their forest land for its highest economic, silvicultural, recreational and aesthetic uses.

 To share answers and solutions to your woodland questions and issues.

 To be recognized as an organized voice of forest landowners.

 **Services of BSFLA**

 Provide a link between forest land owners and appropriate professionals, agencies, and other resources.

 Hold informative and educational programs.

 Use the BSFLA Scholarship Program to support and encourage present and ensuing generations of forest stewards.

 **Why tend to my Forest?**

**Ask yourself these questions:**

 Do I want to improve wildlife habitat and the watershed?

Do I want to create recreational trails and improve access?

Do I want to harvest timber for profit?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you can increase the natural and financial value of your land by developing a forest management plan, by learning from other landowners, and by knowing how to find technical assistance.

**How do I develop a plan for my forest?** A written forest management plan outlines your goals and guides your activities. Natural resource professionals (foresters or other specialists) can help you develop a plan that will suit your interests and your property’s potential. You may want to design a recreational trail, develop habitats to attract certain wildlife, or thin trees to improve the growth of the remaining trees. Your forest management plan will guide you, step by step, as you care for your land.

**If you plan a timber harvest, consider this:** A mature timber tree may take 80 to 120 years to grow, so knowing what to cut and when to cut is critical. To avoid costly mistakes, consider getting the assistance of a natural resource professional trained in forest management. Done properly, a timber harvest can improve wildlife habitat, protect water quality, allow future harvests, and establish regeneration while also increasing your income. Without sound guidance, a single harvest can degrade your land and decrease its value for generations. Rather than stripping your forest of its best assets, a good timber harvest leaves your forest in a condition to continue to provide financial and natural benefits down the road.