
SOURCEBOOK ON CRITERIA AND INDICATORS OF FOREST SUSTAINABILITY IN
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PREFACE

This sourcebook represents a collaborative effort between the USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry; the Northeastern Area Association of State Foresters; and the Northeastern Forest Resource Planners Association to address the issue of measuring forest sustainability. Forest Service and State resource professionals work to facilitate the collection, evaluation, and dissemination of information to foster the conservation and sustainable management of forest resources.

The **USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry (NA)**, commonly referred to as the Northeastern Area, is a unit of the Forest Service that serves the 20 States of the Northeast and Midwest, and the District of Columbia. It works in partnership with the State Foresters and State forestry agency staff to influence the wise management, protection, and sustainable use of rural to urban lands and to enhance the capacity of all forests to provide benefits for a growing America.

The **Northeastern Area Association of State Foresters (NAASF)** is a nonprofit organization that represents the directors of the State forestry agencies from each of the 20 States of the Northeast and Midwest, and the District of Columbia. It is one of three regional State Forester organizations that comprise the National Association of State Foresters and is committed to working with the Northeastern Area and others to provide better management, protection, and use of the forest lands they serve.

The **Northeastern Forest Resource Planners Association (NFRPA)** is a nonprofit organization that consists of the State forest resource planners from each of the 20 States of the Northeast and Midwest. It encourages and supports State forest resource planning programs and works to strengthen skills in planning and resource and policy analysis, while developing and maintaining a working relationship with the Northeastern Area Association of State Foresters, the Northeastern Area, and other organizations.

Figure 1. The Northeastern Area, Northeastern Area Association of State Foresters, and the Northeastern Forest Resource Planners Association serve the 20 States of the Northeast and Midwest. The Northeastern Area and Northeastern Area Association of State Foresters also serve the District of Columbia.

