

Smart Growth Planning and Forestry

Many states have adopted Smart Growth reforms in recent years

Smart Growth is primarily concerned with the reform of land use planning

AND

Forests often represent the single largest land use



Issues facing Forests and Forestry

Key Visible Issues facing forests reinforces the fact that Smart Growth could be used to to ensure the ecological, economic, and social benefits of forests

Tools of Smart Growth are closely aligned with sustainable forestry.

Regional, State, and Local Issue are key to decision makers



Ecological Issues facing Forests and Forestry

Forests are becoming more fragmented.

Invasive exotic species are an increasing threat.

The list of threatened and endangered species is growing.



Economic Issues Facing Forests and Forestry

Global demand for forest products is increasing.

Interest in forest-based recreation is increasing.

Forests are in demand for an ever-greater mix of uses.

State and local economies depend on forest products



Social Issues

Some Key Trends and Issues Affecting Wisconsin's Forests

More people are purchasing forested lands, and their demographics are changing.

Development in forest-fire prone areas is increasing.

More trails are being created and used Motorized recreation is increasingly popular..



Urban Issues

Some Key Trends and Issues Affecting Forests

Development in forested areas is increasing.

Urbanization is increasing.

Exotic species threaten urban forests.



Smart Forestry for Smart Growth

.....to provide the necessary resources to include sustainable forest management concepts and initiatives in Smart Growth (local) planning.

We (forestry) recognizes the importance and opportunities of Smart Growth planning as it relates to the ecological, economic and social aspects of sustainable forestry.



Sharing Sustainability

Since forests cross boundaries you owe it to our neighbors to plan for your forests.

Your decisions effect your neighbor's forests, and their decisions effect yours.

Sustainable forestry looks at the economic and social benefits as well as ecological ...work with non traditional partners to assess and plan for forests.



Smart Forestry

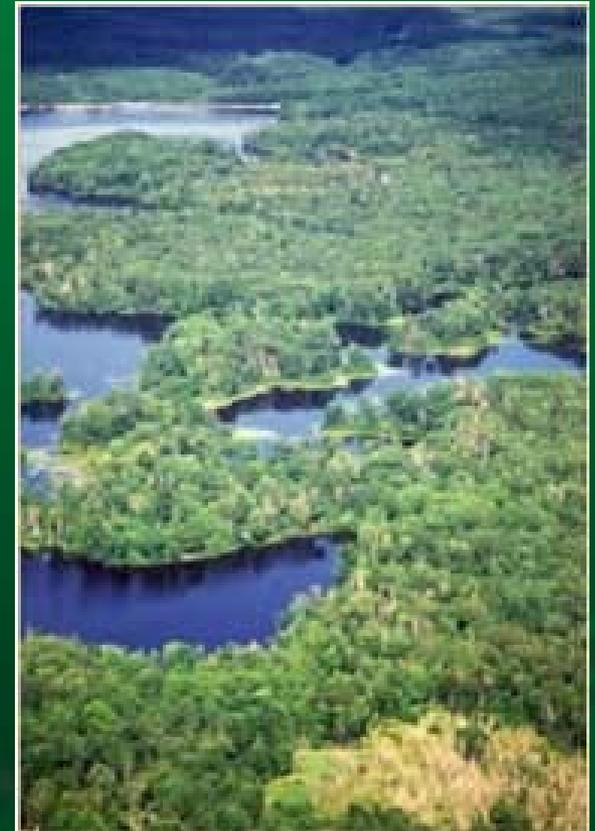
It is time for the forestry community to make common cause with the advocates of Smart Growth

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Forestry needs to be active at the regional, state, and local level.

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Foresters have a competitive advantage in local land use planning



Opportunities for Forestry ?

- Engage in State Land Use Policy
- Evaluate and promote fiscal incentives that promote sustainable forests
- Technical Assistance, Data and Interpretation
- Work at the local level
- Private forest landowners are best advocates

