

Delaware Forest Conservation Education Program

Issue (Who cares and why?)

Many Delaware residents lack knowledge about the state's forest ecosystems, thus making difficult environmentally sound decisions about the management of their own (or the community's) forest lands.

What has been done?

Since 1992, UD Extension has offered Outdoor Woodland Classrooms to elementary-age students and their teachers/parents at two locations in Sussex County. In 2002, Extension revised the Outdoor Woodland classroom trail at the UD's Research and Education facility, offering self-guided tours for visitors. UD Extension provides daily forest conservation education to the public, and is currently working with Delaware State University to establish an Outdoor Woodland classroom in DSU's campus woodlot.

Impact

In 2002, Extension staff and 10 adult volunteers conducted seven Outdoor Woodland Classrooms, reaching 306 individuals. Extension's daily forest conservation education efforts reached 914 people. The Delmarva Forestry Seminar attracted 58 attendees representing interests in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.

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