

East-West Forestry Associates, Inc.

COMPANY DESCRIPTION AND STAFF QUALIFICATIONS:

East-West Forestry Associates, Inc. is a privately owned and operated business providing professional forestry consulting services. The business has operated in the lower Hudson Valley area of New York since 1986. We provide services including forest management plan development and implementation to private, corporate, government and not for profit forestland owners. We are located in the town of Beekman, Dutchess County, New York. Our principle coverage area includes the counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Ulster, Sullivan, Greene and Delaware in New York, and the western portions of Connecticut.

STAFF

President /Owner- Douglas D. Ramey - has owned and operated the business since 1986.

Qualifications:

Bachelor of Science in Forestry from Stephen F. Austin State University – 1982

New York State DEC Cooperating Consulting Forester

State of Connecticut Forest Practitioner - Certification # F000692

Watershed Qualified Forester

Member – Society of American Foresters– Past Local Chapter Chair

Town Forester – Town of Carmel, NY – Inspect and supervise projects

Town Forester – Town of Putnam Valley, NY – Inspect and supervise projects

Responsibilities:

All aspects of business operation from meeting with clients to initiate analysis and mapping. Preparation of reports and expert witness testimony on tree related matters. Responsible for the total administration of the business including direct supervision of staff.

Forester – Christopher M. Lapp - Full time employee since June 1998

- Part time employee from 1993-1998

Qualifications:

Bachelor of Science in Forestry from SUNY ESF - 1998

Watershed Qualified Forester

Responsibilities:

Preparation of Forest Management Plans for 480-a, WAC, FLEP and HHLOAP programs. Working with landowners to plan and implement practices.

Design, layout, marking, sale, supervision of forest harvest projects including BMP design and implementation.

Design, marking and completion of timber stand improvement projects.

Boundary location and marking.

Tree planting and plantation maintenance.

EXPERIENCE:

The company provides forest management advice, planning and practice implementation to forestland owners. We currently work on an annual basis with approximately 80 different landowners, many of which are enrolled in either the New York State Forest Tax Law program (480-a), the Watershed Agricultural Council program, the Forest Land Enhancement Program, The Hudson Highlands Landowner Assistance Program, The Connecticut 490 Program, or a combination of these programs.

We also work with additional clients who do not enroll their property in any formal programs. Our work predominantly involves the development of a detailed management plan covering the forestland and offering long term recommendations toward its improvement and protection in regards to the specific landowner goals and objectives.

Management plans include detailed analysis with GIS mapping and computerized inventory data. Follow through of forest management plan implementation includes the preparation, contracting and supervision of timber sales, timber stand improvement operations, forestland restoration, tree planting and plantation management operations, and providing technical advice on tree related matters. The implementation of specific forest improvement operations and harvest projects includes detailed planning and layout of the project, design and implementation of site protection measures and BMP's, and careful supervision of contractor operations during and at the completion of the operation. We are also involved with tree surveys and valuations, and legal matters related to forestry including timber trespass reports. We can provide expert witness testimony in tree and forestry related matters.

We have experience working with many different types of landowners including private individuals, Game and Hunting Clubs, Corporations, Not For Profit Organizations and Municipalities. Examples of specific groups that we have worked with on forest management issues are listed below. Additional information is available on request.

- 1. Teatown Lake Reservation – Yorktown, NY - Prepared Watershed management plan for this not for profit environmental center.**
- 2. Scenic Hudson, Inc. – Prepared a Forest Management Plan for 1800 acres of property located on the Fishkill Ridge in Fishkill, New York under the guidelines of the Hudson Highlands Landowner Assistance Program.**
- 3. Dutchess Land Conservancy – Work in conjunction with this land preservation group providing forestry services to landowners who have conservation easements with them. Periodically provide woodland educational opportunities to their membership through woods walks and programs.**
- 4. Hudson Highlands Land Trust – Provide forestry services to landowners working with this group to preserve their land.**
- 5. Turkey Point Unit Management Plan –Saugerties, NY - Prepared Unit Management Plan under state requirements to provide detailed forest management planning for NYSDEC and Scenic Hudson lands.**
- 6. Town of Carmel, NY – Aside from duties as Town Forester, have provided analysis of town owned forest land, and legal valuation report on tree related issue in the town.**
- 7. Town of Philipstown, NY - Provided report to town on illegal tree cutting and site restoration requirements on privately owned property in town.**
- 8. Three Arrows Cooperative Society - Developed Forest Management Plan under 480-a and HHLOAP programs for property located in Putnam Valley, NY in 2005. This is a landowner cooperative with commonly owned forest land.**

9. **Various Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Nature Center Properties – Have prepared and implemented management plans on various properties of this type over the years.**
10. **Winnakee Land Trust – Hyde Park, NY – Provided forestry advice and designed and implemented a timber sale on land owned by the trust in Hyde Park.**
11. **Young-Morse Historic Society -Locust Grove, Poughkeepsie, NY – Prepared Forest Management Plan under Stewardship Incentive Program.**
12. **Wilderstein Historical Site – Rhinebeck, NY – Designed and implemented timber harvest and improvement treatment to restore historic landscape and views on Hudson River Mansion.**
13. **Surprise Lake Camp – Philipstown, NY – Assisted in implementation of forest management plan and timber harvest and improvement projects on private camp property.**
14. **YMCA – Management planning and implementation including tree planting at YMCA owned properties in Pawling and Huguenot, NY.**
15. **The Greentree Foundation – Developed and implemented Forest Management Plan on 200 acre forest preserve, a portion of the Whitney estate in Manhasset Long Island.**

References available on request

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