



Wisconsin Alliance of Forest Owners

promoting healthy & productive woodlands



About Us

The Wisconsin Alliance of Forest Owners (WAFO) is an organization of private woodland owners who have recognized there is a need for us to become more politically active.

Privately owned woodlands are increasingly threatened by state actions that have encouraged destruction of these forests by providing strong incentives that promote less beneficial land uses. Other non-profit organizations exist that provide important resources for woodland owners. However, these educationally based organizations have limited ability to lobby or influence regulations that are in the best interests of privately owned woodlands. As one lobbyist succinctly said *"Private woodland owners have been on the table, not at the table."*

We Are

- We are farmers whose crop is trees. Our crop supplies the fiber and logs needed to power Wisconsin's 20 billion dollar forest products industry.
- Some of us grow only trees. Some of us are tree farmers who also grow corn, soybeans, raise animals and produce milk.
- All of us are farmers who recognize that growing trees is often the most appropriate use of our lands.
- We are landowners who understand that healthy, actively managed woodlands provide clean air and water while preventing soil erosion and loss.
- We recognize that diverse, managed forests provide critical wildlife habitat for game and non-game species while providing refuge for people who appreciate the outdoors.

Our Goal

To receive equitable treatment of Wisconsin woodlands and woodland owners with regard to property taxes, income taxes and special regulations and restrictions.

Why is WAFO Needed?

- We are the forgotten farmers, the stewards of the land who are poorly represented in our state government.
- We are the landowners whose lands are unfairly taxed. We are the people who grow trees, an agricultural crop that's been excluded from receiving many of the incentives the state offers other agricultural producers.
- Unless we get organized and form an organization that can effectively advocate and lobby for us, we cannot get legislation adopted that will treat us fairly.

Working for Forest Owners

Since 2014, WAFO has worked successfully with our legislators, the DNR, and other agencies on legislation and regulations that affect our interests. In addition, WAFO has continued to educate Wisconsin's woodland owners on how to take back their rights as a woodland owner. See the resources that are available at www.wafo.org.

Join Us

- Please sign up for our contact list so we can send periodic alerts on proposed legislation and agency proposals that could affect your woodlands. The more contacts legislators receive, the more likely we'll be able to advance our mutual interests.
- Consider providing a donation to help us reach out to more landowners and to retain a lobbyist to work on our behalf. Our founding group provided the ideas and funds to get WAFO started and to set-up the essential structure and components of the organization. We are moving forward and need your help.



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Thank you for your support of the Wisconsin Alliance of Forest Owners!

1. Please take a few moments to provide us with your contact information.*

Name: _____ first _____ last _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Unless this box is checked, you will receive periodic email alerts on proposed legislation and agency proposals that could affect your woodlands.

2. Where is your woodland located? If multiple locations, please email us with that information.

At the address listed above.

Town _____ County _____

3. I wish to contribute to Wisconsin Alliance of Forest Owners (WAFO)

I wish to contribute the following to WAFO: Charter Member: \$500 Other amount: \$_____

I wish to become a Business Associate Member: \$500

Please provide the web address for your listing as a Business Associate Member on www.wafo.org: _____

Payment method:

Check (payable to Wisconsin Alliance of Forest Owners)

Credit Card (__VISA; __Mastercard; __American Express; __Discover)

Cardholder's Name: _____

Card number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CSV: _____

Mailing address of cardholder if not the same as above: _____

Cardholder signature: _____

WAFO is a 501(c)(6) organization. Contributions may be tax-deductible as a business expense but they are not tax-deductible as a charitable contribution on an individual's tax return.

4. Please return this completed form along with payment to:

WAFO, PO Box 7423, Madison, WI 53707

Questions: Email Kristie Kasbohm at wiforestowners@gmail.com or call (608) 218-4789

**Why do we want this information? To be an effective advocacy organization we want to link up your voting address AND your land location so that we can match these locations with the state legislators who represent these areas. That way we can tell you specifically what their positions are on the issues we ask them about. Then we can send you targeted alerts as special actions are being debated and your legislator is key to seeing them being addressed. Don't worry, we won't sell your contact info nor will we OVERWHELM you with emails. And of course, you can always opt out anytime you wish. REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR JUNK MAIL BOX!*