

Upgrading and Improving the “Managing Your Woodlot” Web Site

The Challenge

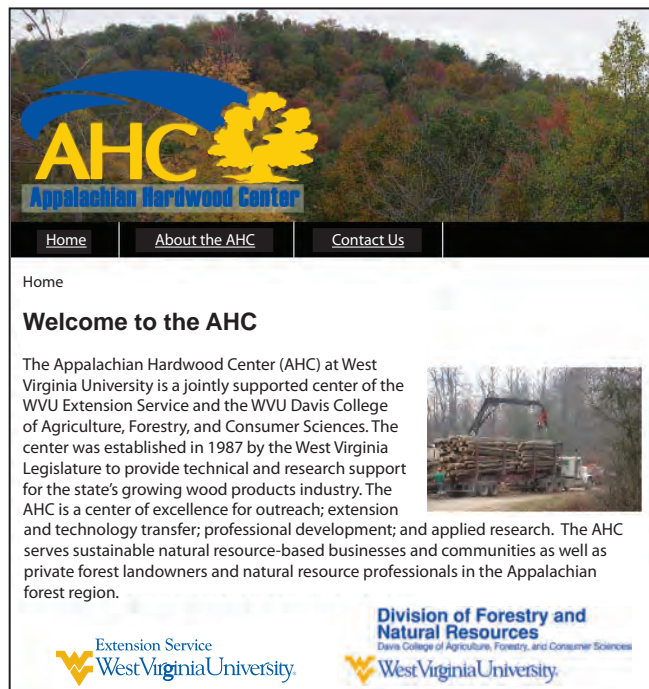
Nonindustrial private forest landowners face many challenges in the long-term management of their property. There is a tremendous lack of understanding of the requirements necessary to manage property for sustainability. Land ownership can be an investment that will provide positive returns well into the future. Most land contains many different kinds of trees in a large variety of sizes. Trees differ in value based on the diameter of the stem and the amount of stem that is free of knots. Landowners should have some idea of the monetary value of their woodlots before engaging in timber sales of any kind. *Managing Your Woodlot* is a Web site that gives landowners access to timber pricing information. However, to be of value, this Web site needs to be updated with the most current pricing information related to stumpage and log valuation.

The Solution

With funding provided by the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry Wood Education and Resource Center, the [Appalachian Hardwood Center \(AHC\)](#) and Division of Forestry and Natural Resources at West Virginia University undertook the task of upgrading the *Managing Your Woodlot* Web site. The site contains up-to-date pricing and related information about stumpage valuation that will help landowners decide which trees to manage. To further assist woodlot owners in evaluating the monetary value of their trees, the site contains a stumpage worksheet along with a spreadsheet calculator. If landowners hope to derive benefits well into the future, proper management of forest resources is essential.

“Even though the site has only been officially up and published on the AHC Web site for 2 months, it is the third result on a Google search of ‘Stumpage Calculator.’”

Jeff Slahor, Research Instructor and Wood Technologist



The Managing Your Woodlot Web site, accessible from the AHC Web site pictured above, provides woodlot owners with up-to-date timber pricing and related information to help them decide which trees to manage.

Resulting Benefits

- Helps forest landowners estimate the value of their woodlots
- Allows improved management practices
- Improves wildlife habitat
- Improves the aesthetics of the woodlot

Sharing Success

- An updated [Managing Your Woodlot](#) Web site link is available on the AHC Web site.
- Timber pricing information is also available for Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Ohio.



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