

WASHINGTON GROVE  
FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN  
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## RECOMMENDATIONS

The responses to the Forest Management Questionnaire have helped the Forestry Committee develop specific priorities in each of the five issue areas. These priorities can now be used to identify an action plan which will necessarily involve Town volunteers and maintenance staff as well as Forestry Committee members. This action plan includes a recommended time frame for some of the actions. In the listing below, those actions marked with (\*\*) are recommended for the next three months, and those actions marked with (\*) are recommended for sometime in the next six months. The issues are presented in priority order; within each issue area, the highest priority items are listed first.

The recommended actions are:

### Town Boundaries

1. Maintenance staff to repair existing fencing along Town boundaries.(\*\*)
2. Forestry Committee and volunteers to post signs along Town boundaries in the woods.(\*\*)
3. Forestry Committee to complete an assessment of the Town boundaries where there are currently no barriers.(\*\*)
4. Forestry Committee and volunteers to plant natural barrier plants, such as greenbrier, in selected areas.

### Tree Care

1. Town budget policy to be established to provide budget set asides for future tree care problems.(\*\*)
2. Forestry Committee to schedule meeting with Gypsy Moth experts to identify treatment options and costs to the Town.
3. Forestry Committee to schedule work day for cutting undesirable vines.

### Trail Improvements

1. Maintenance Supervisor to assess feasibility of mowing fire trails in East Woods.(\*\*)
2. Forestry Committee to schedule work day to reestablish fire trails in West Woods.(\*)
3. Forestry Committee to identify specific locations where bridges and other trail improvements are required.
4. Volunteers to assist with completion of nature trail in East Woods.

### Forest Diversity

1. Forestry Committee to identify selected dead trees for removal while preserving nesting trees (den trees).(\*)
2. Test areas in East Woods to be established in which small numbers of trees under 10 centimeters (4 inches) in diameter are removed and natural undergrowth allowed to flourish.
3. Volunteers to donate and plant additional native species.

### Erosion Control

1. Forestry Committee to continue to investigate methods of erosion control.
2. Volunteers to donate labor and materials to check major erosion problems apparent in West Woods.
3. Town to request curbing along State Route 124 to control runoff.

The Forestry Committee recognizes its role as the catalyst in an active forest management effort. The Committee is gratified with the number of responses and the offers of assistance which confirm that the volunteer spirit is alive in Washington Grove. Quite obviously the Town values its unique forests and seeks to preserve them.

Note: The above recommendations were incorporated into Resolution 11-83 that was adopted by the Town Council on December 12, 1983.