

Partners in the Harvesting Process



A Long Forestry Landowner Resource

Timber Harvest Supply Chain

- Involves several key components that must work together to insure
 - The land is cared for
 - The landowner's needs are met
 - The timber is processed properly
- Success depends on a network of individuals, all communicating and working together for a successful harvest



Goals of a Sustainable Timber Harvest

- Providing renewable wood products at a local level while protecting the environment and future resources
- The key players
 - **Private Landowner**
 - **Consulting Foresters**
 - **Reputable Loggers**
 - **Local Sawmills**
 - **Illinois Department of Natural Resources**



Consulting Foresters

- The consulting forester
 - Marks timber to be sold
 - Measures each tree to calculate total sellable product (board feet)
 - Solicits the timber for bid
 - Provides contracts
 - Collects payments
 - Contract compliance checks during harvesting operations
 - Looks after their client's interest during harvesting operations



Roles of the Consulting Forester

- To watch out for the landowner's best interest
- To design and implement a plan that achieves the landowner's objective in an effective and efficient manner
 - Every tree harvested is done so in order to achieve the landowner's specific objectives
- The forester identifies, marks, and measures each individual tree to be harvested
 - Each tree is measured, marked and recorded with a GPS point
- The forester then sells the trees to a logging company or local sawmill
- Provides assistance with acquiring cost share money and implementing post harvest forest management operations

Reputable Loggers

- Loggers play the most visible role during a harvesting operation
- Loggers are responsible for cutting the trees, removing them from the forest, and transporting the logs to local sawmills
- It is a demanding job that requires skill, experience, and focus



Reputable Loggers

- In order to have a successful timber sale, it is just as important to have a conscientious logger carry out the harvesting operation as it is to have a forester plan which trees will be harvested
- A poor logging operation can do permanent damage to the remaining timber that leaves the future value of that timber/property highly diminished
- Reputable loggers understand timber harvesting is only one step in the forest management process and that unnecessary damage can have negative impacts for decades

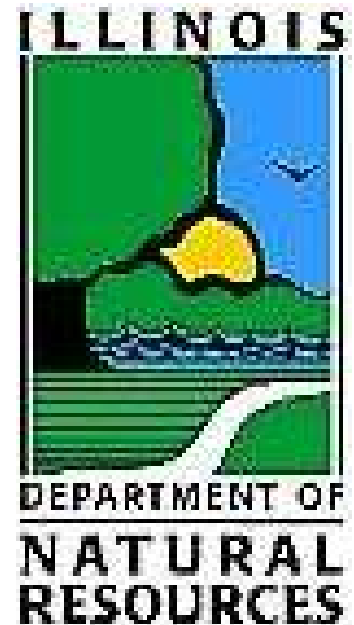
Local Sawmills

- The sawmills spread across the Midwest are crucial for a successful harvest
- They process locally grown timber resources into products that are re-distributed to local communities
- These products are the true definition of sustainable living and responsible resource utilization



Illinois Department of Natural Resources

- The IDNR oversees the IFDA program and collects the 4% harvest tax applied to all timber sales in Illinois
- That tax revenue is redistributed to landowners who are in the IFDA program and who have had a recent timber sale
 - It is redistributed as cost share for post harvest management
- Long Forestry works closely with county IDNR offices and provides them with all the necessary documentation and paper work for IFDA timber tax reimbursement



The staff at Long Forestry have the knowledge and resources to provide forest landowners with the education, tools, and financial resources they need to properly manage their land in order to achieve their goals.

Long Forestry is available to private landowners to help plan, implement, and fund forest management activities on their property. Call and speak to a consultant today.

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