



The Maine Natural Climate Solutions Initiative project seeks to:

- (1) assess current practices to determine the degree to which foresters and farmers are using NCS;
- (2) determine the most cost-effective NCS for Maine;
- (3) understand key barriers to adopting NCS; and
- (4) generate information about which practices can be implemented on a broader scale.



Invitation:
Focus Groups on Forest Management for Carbon Sequestration

Researchers at the University of Maine are looking for forest landowners and managers to participate in a virtual focus group discussion on ways to enhance forest growth and carbon stocks. The 120-minute focus group discussion will identify barriers and opportunities to implement specific forest management practices across Maine. **Participants will be compensated with a \$100 Visa gift card for their time.** Focus group participation is limited to 10 individuals, and compensation is on a per-forest/organization basis. You must be at least 18 years of age or older to participate in the focus group.

A key aspect of this research is to better understand the opportunities and barriers to adoption of management practices that can help enhance forest growth and carbon stocks. This research will also help us understand management constraints among Maine farmers and foresters which could influence the development of educational resources and state-wide policies that could be helpful to landowners across the state. The results will also be used to help estimate Maine's forest carbon sequestration and timber supply potential.

We plan to hold five focus groups of forest landowners and managers in early 2021:

- ***Large forest landowners (>10,000 acres)***
Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 2:00-4:00pm
- ***Small forest landowners (<10,000 acres)***
Thursday, January 7, 2021, 2:00-4:00pm
- ***Forest managers***
Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 4:00-6:00pm
- ***Large landowners or forest managers***
Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 4:00-6:00pm
- ***Small landowners or forest managers***
Thursday, February 4, 2021, 2:00-4:00pm

If you are interested in participating, please RSVP by filling out [this form](#).

Questions? Contact Dr. Adam Daigneault at adaineault@maine.edu or 207-478-5682.

Please review the [Research Consent Information](#) and download for your records.