

Illinois' 176,000 private woodland owners, who control an estimated 82% of the state's 5.02 million acres of forestland, are the primary audience targeted by RREA funds. RREA funding is leveraged with additional funds from private gifts and funding from the state and we estimate these amounts equal \$50,000/yr.



Chris Evans, UI Extension forester, hangs an emerald ash borer trap at the U of I Dixon Springs Agricultural Center in Pope Co, IL.

Extension Forestry uses Multi-faceted Approach to EAB in Central & Southern IL: UI Extension Forestry partnered with the IL Dept. of Natural Resources and The Morton Arboretum to host four community workshops that focused on management of emerald ash borer (EAB), mitigation of canopy damage, and future initiatives. Over 100 landowners, land managers, and consulting foresters attended these co-sponsored workshops. In addition, a field day, attended by 22 land managers and foresters, was held to properly equip these attendees with essential EAB identification and diagnostic skills. UI Extension Forestry also authored seven social media posts via Facebook that reached over 9,400 people and helped place 22 new traps to monitor potential new EAB populations. The next steps are to continue surveying for EAB in new areas; initiate a program looking at the potential impacts of EAB to forest-based recreation along with potential hazards to recreationists; and to work with land managers to develop mitigation plans for forest and recreational areas.



Jay Hayek, UI Extension Forester, leads a Timber Sales & Timber Tax workshop in western Illinois.

24th Annual Tri-State Forest Stewardship Conference: UI Extension forestry and ISU Extension forestry successfully delivered their 24th joint annual forestry conference on March 10, 2018, to 468 woodland owners. This well-known forestry conference draws attendees from IL, IA, IN, MN, MO, and Wisc.

"I am so glad I attended this timber sale/tax workshop – otherwise, I just would have sold my timber to a random logger. Now I know the financial, tax, and forestry benefits of utilizing the services of a professional consulting forester." Participant from the Jacksonville, IL, Timber Sales & Timber Tax workshop (Feb. '18).

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