

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) program funds allocated to the University of Minnesota support natural resources Extension programs aimed at forest landowners, homeowners, forest product industry, and professionals. RREA funds leveraged more than \$110,000 from private, state, and federal agencies.

Educational events were valuable to the forest products industry, forest landowners, foresters, farmers, elected officials, volunteers, teachers, and youth:

- Forest certification, Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certification, and green marketing was taught to 19 forest product company managers.
- Workshops to improve skills in kiln drying reached 87 forest products staff.
- Though field trips and seminars, 145 forest landowners, farmers, and foresters learned about carbon credits for forest lands.
- Information on agroforestry opportunities, including hybrid poplar and riparian buffers in agricultural landscapes, was provided to 52 forest landowners and foresters.
- An educational philosophy and program development strategy for American Indian natural resource programming was presented to 31 elected officials and citizens on University-related advisory committees.
- A workshop taught 15 secondary school teachers from MN, WI, and Thailand how to improve their educational programming on sustainable natural resource management.
- Two dozen grade school students in the Nature Comes First afterschool 4-H program conducted science experiments and learned about forest fires and forest fire fighting tools, 4-H National Experiment, bird watching, basic tree needs, and tree planting.

Electronic program delivery continued to grow:

- Forestry web sites provided needed information to 186,034 urban and rural landowners and forestry professionals on forest health, tree care, and sustainable forest management.
- An electronic forestry newsletter was opened by 650 readers monthly.
- A web-based discussion board generated 193 questions with 400 corresponding replies.
- Through phone calls and e-mail messages, 1,112 questions were directly answered from the forest products industry, consumers, homeowners, and forest landowners.

In-depth interviews with two dozen American Indians will enable Extension to offer tribal members more relevant education and applied research on natural resource issues.

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The screenshot shows the MyMinnesotaWoods.org website. At the top, it says "UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION" and "MyMinnesotaWoods.org Your source for woodland stewardship advice". The main content is for "November 2008" and lists "Upcoming events":

- Carbon Credit Payments Mca, November 13
- Seminar: Mercury in Northern MN watersheds Grand Rapids, November 18
- Woodland Ownership and Income Taxes Cloquet, December 9
- Seminar: Forest productivity, carbon cycling and climate change in the Lake States Grand Rapids, December 10
- Sawmill Tours: Stave Mill & Saw Mill Caledonia, January 6

Other sections include "Other class listings" and "In the news...". There are also news articles:

- "Minnesota DNR celebrates one billionth seedling" with a photo of a tree and a "80" anniversary graphic.
- "Meet a Minnesota logger: Littlefork's Imhof Logging" with a photo of two men.
- "Protecting your tree seedlings from deer browse"