**How to use this report**

When your consulting forester visited your property, they were documenting many things:

(1) The current health and timber quality of the trees in your woods,

(2) Cultural resources such as stone walls and cellar holes,

(3) The presence/absence of invasive species,

(4) Wetlands and terrain features, and,

depending on the information you requested of your forester,

(5) Current forest bird habitat conditions,

(6) Climate change vulnerabilities, and/or

(7) Current levels of carbon uptake and storage.

This information was used for your report to help:

 (1) Identify specific opportunities for protecting and/or enhancing timber quality, tree regeneration, bird habitat, climate resiliency, and/or carbon management goals, and,

(2) Suggest options for the stewardship of your property over the 10-year plan period.

After reading this report you might consider some of the following steps:

**Learn more about your forest.** Whether you’re a seasoned birder, climate change ecologist, all-around forest aficionado, or, just beginning to think more about your forest, we hope that this report will show you something new about your property and encourage you to learn more. For example, to learn more about the birds that breed in Massachusetts, check out the Breeding Bird Atlas ([www.massaudubon.org/birdatlas/bba2](http://www.massaudubon.org/birdatlas/bba2)) and State of the Birds reports ([www.massaudubon.org/sotb](http://www.massaudubon.org/sotb)). Check out the Caring for Your Woods series (<https://www.mass.gov/guides/climate-forestry>) for more information on climate adaptation and carbon management.

**Share this report with neighbors, friends, and family.** Help us spread the word about the importance of our New England forests, from breeding bird habitats to carbon sequestration and forest products. Teach your neighbors about trees and birds, the importance of stewarding our forests, and the services being offered by Mass Audubon and the DCR Working Forest Initiative. By involving your neighbors in management planning you can maximize the impacts of your efforts by crossing property boundaries and increasing the amount of land you enhance. The benefits for birds, forest health, and resiliency will be worth the coordination effort.

**Contact Mass Audubon or your DCR Service Forester with any questions when you are planning management activities.** We would be happy to follow up with you, answer questions, and assist with exploring opportunities for implementation.

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