

**worried about trees. Stop cutting forests for logging/solar arrays. Wood biomass is not sustainable.**

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I have been watching with horror as our forests are disappearing. It's bad enough that we're losing woods to development, but every time I go into a WMA, a Army Corp of Engineers site like the Conant Dam or the Barre Falls Dam, or a state forest or park or Quabbin, or a local conservation area like Wilbrahams's Thayer Brook or 12 Mile Brook I see more and more devastation due to logging. It's almost clear cutting. And every bit of debris on the forest floor is gone. What I saw at the Covey WMA and the Montague Plains was enough to make me cry. The destruction of the 110 year old oaks at Wendall State Forest was beyond disgusting.

The biggest reason for loss of wild birds and animals is loss of habitat.

NOW SOLAR ARRAYS ARE TAKING OUT FORESTS!!!WHY? Because our state doesn't have the foresight or imagination to save our trees and our valuable farmland. There are zillions of places solar panels could go which wouldn't harm our forests and fields: beside hi ways like the Mass Pike; on medium strips; over parking lots (every parking lot should have them); on rooftops and in yards, over sidewalks and roads, Come on now. Use your imaginations. We do not destroy what few woods we have.

Trees = Carbon sequestration and storage. We're told to plant a billion trees yet the state thinks nothing of selling off our older and more valuable trees that halt climate change. Your cynical cutting of trees is going to end life on earth. The problem isn't just in the Amazon. Massachusetts does its share of destruction too. Stop it.

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