

NEWS RELEASE

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RI TREE FARM FALL TOUR AT GARDENER TREE FARM IN COVENTRY, RI:  
INCREASING CARBON STORAGE CAPACITY ON A LOCAL LEVEL

The Rhode Island Tree Farm Program is conducting its annual Fall Tour along the woodland trails of the Gardener Tree Farm property, 448 Weaver Hill Road in Coventry, RI on Saturday, October 11, 2025. The tour will begin at 9:00 AM and run until about noon.

According to Ronald Fasano of Richmond, the Chair of the RI Tree Farm Committee, “this year’s forest walk will allow us to view the multiple wildlife habitat and forest stand improvement projects that owners Jeff and Maryanne Gardener have established over the past twenty-plus years. We’d like to thank them for opening up their property for this year’s program”.

Those projects have included trail improvements, a habitat clearing, and the harvest and on-site milling of lumber for a barn being constructed on the property. With a portable mill, and the sale of logs to a local sawmill, Jeff has been contributing to the local use of forest products that store carbon, while enhancing the growing conditions in his woodlot to sequester even more carbon, all while diversifying the wildlife habitat values on the property.

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“Harvest and utilization of dying White ash trees, and replacing them with Tulip poplar plantings, with assistance from the USDA-NRCS, is Jeff’s latest project that is worthy of our attention,” continued Fasano, “and we’ll have Jeff’s forester on hand to explain the benefits of these actions.”

The event is free and open to the public, and registration is not required. The event will be held rain or shine. Proper footwear and appropriate dress for the weather is required.

For more information, visit [www.ritreefarm.org](http://www.ritreefarm.org), where directions to the site will be posted. You can also contact us at (401) 568-3410 for updates and more information about the program.

The RI Tree Farm Program is a voluntary recognition program, part of the American Tree Farm System, promoting the sustainable management of our forests for wood, water, wildlife, and recreation since 1941. The RI Tree Farm Program sponsors annual tours to highlight the work that certified Tree Farmers do to protect and manage Rhode Island’s woodlands. The Rhode Island program is co-sponsored by the RI Forest Conservator’s Organization (RIFCO), the RI DEM’s Division of Agriculture & Forest Environment, and Providence Water.

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