



## Forestry Management Fact Sheet: Timber Harvesting at Nichols

**Purpose:** Timber harvesting is one of the best-accepted methods to preserve woodlands. It involves selectively removing trees to enhance variety and growth of species, reduce tree disease and improve access and safety of hiking trails.



### Goals:

1. Promote health and diversity of trees
2. Enhance wildlife habitat
3. Establish/Improve hiking trail access and safety
4. Cover costs of stewardship by selling timber

### Action Steps:

- The Conservation Commission hired a certified forester, Lisa Niccolai, to conduct forestry inventory on a few selected open-space parcels. Nichols open-space was identified as a parcel in need of improvement and thinning. The Nichols parcel is approximately 121 acres located off Trowbridge Road and Rt. 149 in the northwest corner of East Haddam surrounding the municipal landfill. The areas recommended are noted on the map included in this flyer.
- Connwood Foresters, Inc. was awarded the contract to manage the sale of harvested timber as an agent of the Conservation Commission. Approximately 1/3 of the trees in a 35-acre area will be removed. Access to the property will be off Trowbridge Road using the abandoned stump/brush dump as a “landing area” where the cut logs will be brought, stacked, and loaded on the log transport trucks.
- Timber Harvesting is expected to begin in October with six weekly inspections to insure contractor compliance.

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