



THE RENEWABLE RESOURCES EXTENSION ACT (RREA) AT RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

RREA programs assist New Jersey's landowners to effectively and sustainably manage their forest resources. Rutgers partners with numerous cooperators to reach these landowners. Recently, RREA funds have been used as described below:

- The Forest Management and Stewardship Program has reached an average of more than 200 landowners annually since 1997. These 200 landowners manage between 30,000 and 40,000 acres of forestland, and are able to manage more effectively for wildlife, forest products, recreation and other benefits as a result of knowledge gained through these educational programs. If improved management activities increased timber values by \$10 per acre, the resulting economic benefit for these landowners ranged from \$300,000 to \$400,000 dollars. Just as importantly, while better-informed landowners benefit directly, they are also more likely to keep their land forested, a direct benefit for the state, as a whole.



Participants learn about white cedar management.

“The NJ Forestry Association has long recognized RCE as a pre-eminently valuable partner for assisting NJ landowners to more effectively manage their woodlots, and expects to continue this partnership well into the future.”
– T. Bullock, Treasurer, NJFA

- During 2003-2005, The Riparian Forest Buffers Program established buffers on 4 sites in 2 major watersheds in North Jersey, demonstrating the environmental benefits of buffers and buffer restoration to municipal officials, landowners, students and the general public. Over 200 people attended 6 educational programs on riparian forest buffers. The established buffers averaged slightly more than 70 feet in width and totaled almost 5 acres in size, with the capability of removing up to 70%, 60% and 90% of the no-point source sediments, phosphorous and nitrogen pollutants, respectively, currently reaching the streams on those sites.

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