Virginia’s Urban Wood Program

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15.72 million acres of forests

62% of Virginia is forested
Virginia’s Forests
Today’s nugget of knowledge..

- In VA - 70% of woodland owners have tracts 10 acres or less
- 856,000 acres of forest land
- 8.9% of VA’s family forest acreage
Not like, LOVE their trees.......
Daily sensory relationship....
Trees are their close neighbors...
Front porch trees....
Small is good....
Not this....
But this....
Custom milling
Minimize this...
Reduce this.....
Welcome to the Virginia Urban Wood Group, where we envision:

"A future where the economic value of the timber after the tree eventually dies, is just as important as the many benefits it gives the community while living."

- Damon Barron, Treecycle America
Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
Use to highest potential
Local wood
Encourage creativity
A local wood, value-added economy
Bringing the pieces together...
Thus far...

- Virginia Urban Wood Group
- VA Urban Wood Website
- Three urban wood use videos – 4th coming
- Four Urban Wood Workshops
  - NOVA
  - Newport News
  - Roanoke
  - Lynchburg
Also....

- VA Urban Wood Utilization Forum – Cville
- Being featured across Canada by Susan Poizner
- Mini-workshop for Turner-Ashby HS
- Two Urban Wood Podcasts
- Your Woods Make All the Difference/VA Tech Ext
And Announcing...

Mid-Atlantic Urban Wood Forum

August 15-16

Richmond, VA
Visioning.....

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What is Urban Lumber?

Featuring Dave Barmon
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=piF1UYx4Xwg