

The Outlook

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The Forest Certification Experience: reflections from the Dovetail team

Last month, Dovetail released a **report** providing an update on the status of forest certification in general. This month, we offer the personal perspectives of Dovetail team members who have



direct experience as certificate holders. Read **The Forest Certification Experience** to hear from Mark Jacobs, retired land commissioner for Aitkin County, Minnesota, who was responsible for managing a Forest Stewardship Council forest management certificate from 1997-2018; and Harry Groot, owner/operator of Next Generation Woods in Hiwassee, Virginia, whose family forestlands were certified through a group certificate from 2005-2014.

Preparing for the next generation

As we celebrate Black History Month, learn how North Carolina forest landowner and farmer Tyrone Williams is leaving behind a legacy of sustainable forest management. Thanks to: Enviva, Fourtee Acres, and #forestproud for Dovetail's opportunity to participate in this video project: https://vimeo.com/506300133.





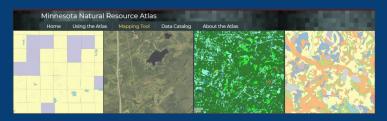
Dovetail intern report on "Minnesota's Elk Revival"

Elk are a controversial topic in Minnesota. They are a relic of an older landscape in which they freely wandered unbothered by cars, agriculture, or large infrastructure present everywhere today. Elk represent an abundance

of opportunities as well as several challenges, which make them so captivating. It is the mission of this project to build a foundation of knowledge pertaining to the past, present, and

future direction of Minnesota's elk herd to better structure the conversation surrounding elk in Minnesota. Read **Minnesota's Elk Revival** by Dovetail intern Steven Immel.

Mark your calendars for a March 25th webinar



The online Minnesota Natural Resource Atlas is an interactive mapping tool paired with a comprehensive database of almost 400 data layers, including agriculture, biota, geology,

geography, imagery, water, watersheds, infrastructure, administrative boundaries, and more. This tool gives you access to a wide variety of spatial data regardless of your GIS skills or software accessibility. This is a tremendous asset to the Minnesota natural resource community, and Dovetail executive director Ashley McFarland currently serves on the Atlas' advisory committee. **Register now** for Woods Work: Minnesota Natural Resource Atlas virtual workshop scheduled for March 25th.

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