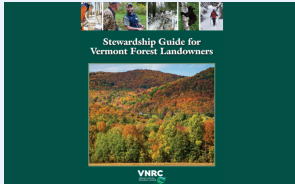




[Why Are We Avoiding Using Trees?](#)

Join us on December 11th from 9:30am - 10:45am EST for our webinar, "Why Are We Avoiding Using Trees?", where we'll explore how renewable, tree-based materials can help reduce our reliance on plastics, especially in packaging. Hear from experts on emerging alternatives, new technologies, and the role forests can play in a more sustainable future.



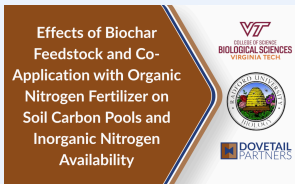
[Dovetail Associate Mike Snyder served as the lead writer for the Stewardship Guide for Vermont Forest Landowners.](#)

The guide provides practical information and resources to help Vermont forest landowners understand, manage, and care for their forests, with topics ranging from forest health and wildlife to recreation and stewardship.



[Small-Scale Nuclear: U.S. Prospects and Global Context - Infographic](#)

What role could Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) play in the future of energy? Our latest infographic explores SMR development, global nuclear trends, and the key opportunities and challenges facing this emerging technology as energy demands continue to rise.



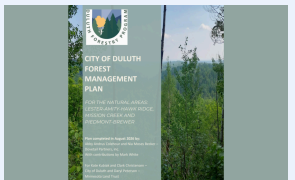
[Dovetail Associate Harry Groot Co-Authors New Research on Biochar & Soil Health](#)

Dovetail Associate Harry W. Groot co-authored a new Agronomy study examining how biochar and organic nitrogen fertilizers influence soil carbon and nitrogen dynamics. The research was conducted in collaboration with Virginia Tech.



[FACT Data Platform Beta Launches to Expand Access to U.S. Forest Carbon Data](#)

The Forest Service and U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities have announced the Beta launch of the FACT platform, a free tool providing reliable forest carbon data. Dovetail Partners' Kathryn Fernholz serves on the FACT Platform Advisory Group.



[Dovetail's Abby Andrus and Nia Moses Becker Lead Forest Management Planning for Duluth](#)

Dovetail Partners' Abby Andrus and Nia Moses Becker developed a Forest Management Plan for 6,000 acres across three Duluth natural areas, supporting long-term forest health, climate resilience, and recreation goals.



The Quest for Common Ground

[The Quest for Common Ground Part 3](#)

Guest Article by Mark Jacobs

The Quest for Common Ground is a series by Mark Jacobs that explores diverse perspectives on issues shaping our communities. This Guest Article examines the opportunities and challenges of reducing catastrophic wildfire risk in Minnesota's forests.

Updates & Recaps



[Q3 Webinar Recording - Data Centers](#)

For our Q3 webinar, panelists Abby Smith, Karl Green, and Josh Rabina shared lessons and strategies for navigating data center development and community engagement.



[Guest Speaker Recording](#)

Sidney Filippis, Director of Design at Sterling Structural, joined a Dovetail team meeting to discuss mass timber manufacturing, CLT design resources, and lessons from mass timber projects.



[Learning from Fire in the Northwoods - Event recap](#)

by Teresa Floberg and Abby Andrus

What can recent fires teach us about resilience? During the Learning from Fire in the Northwoods field tour, participants explored lessons from the Greenwood and Fry Fires, focusing on forest recovery, fuel treatments, and wildfire resilience.

[Guest Speaker Nominations](#)

Dovetail Partners invites guest speakers to share their expertise, ideas, and experiences during our monthly team meetings. We're currently seeking speaker recommendations. If you'd like to nominate someone, or yourself, please click the button below to complete the nomination form.

[Policy Identification Survey – We Need Your Insight!](#)

We invite you to participate in our Policy Identification Survey, a brief opportunity to help shape policy efforts at the local, state, federal, and international levels. Your input will help identify key priorities and inform future research and initiatives. Thank you for supporting this important work.



In and About the Woods!

Each month, Dovetail team members are invited to share what they are seeing, doing, or experiencing in and around the woods, from personal land to public green spaces and places they visit.

October 2026



Dovetail Partners was present for the [return of fire to Minnesota Point](#) in Duluth as part of our work with the Zhaagawaamikong-neyaashi Azhenamaw Manidoo-ishkode: Returning the Spirit of Good Fire to Minnesota Point Project. A collaborative group of partners and fire practitioners conducted the first cultural burn on Minnesota Point in early October, marking the revitalization of a stewardship practice that has been absent for more than 150 years.

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