## FOREST BUSINESS EDUCATION & PLANNING ASSISTANCE



Our Forest Business program provides businesses in Vermont's forest

product sector with management resources, skills development, and one-on-one planning services. We aim to support the development of a sustainable forest economy in the Northeast by working with a diverse set of businesses including loggers, foresters, processors, mills, woodworkers, wood manufacturers and timber framers.

Forest Business program currently offers two core services:

**ONE-ON-ONE BUSINESS PLANNING ASSISTANCE** as planning and coaching are at the heart of Forest Business. Over the course of a year participants can focus on projects including development and implementation of in-depth business plans, honing of finances, enterprise analysis planning, and creation of new marketing plans.

**BUSINESS CLINICS** are short, one-on-one meetings planned for a specific purpose such as a check- up to review progress with a business plan, a brief cash flow analysis or budget review, preparation for a loan application, or a job-level cost analysis. Find out more & register here: <a href="https://www.uvm.edu/extension/agriculture/agbizcoaching">https://www.uvm.edu/extension/agriculture/agbizcoaching</a>

**UVM EXTENSION FOREST BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE** after a successful launch in 2021, **the Forest Business Roundtable is back.** A peer advisory cohort for forest and wood products businesses to share challenges and opportunities, hone business management skills, and develop leadership skills with a varied group of industry peers. 2nd cohort begins May 2022.

- Monthly meetings with 10 to 12 business owners and managers including: Timber Harvesters, Mills, Wood Manufacturers, Foresters, Artisans, Value Added Producers, and Maple Businesses, joining in an informal board of directors' atmosphere.
- Explore a variety of business skills and disciplines, learn from industry professionals invited to meetings based on interest of the group, network with operators in the forest economy, develop relationships and do business.

Interested? Complete this <u>form</u> or contact the Forest Business program.

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