



LANDSCAPE APPROACH IN ACTION

IMPACT NOTES #05

1 Solar business growth promotes forest habitat

The Eastern Ontario Model Forest (EOMF) has found a new niche in the solar energy business and, at the same time, is helping to restore the region's forests. "The Model Forest secures the private land to plant, prepares planting plans, purchases seedlings, plants the trees, and offers to monitor the site for a five year period," says Wade Knight, General Manager of EOMF.

The Model Forest not only ensures provincial regulations are met but is helping to meet afforestation and sustainability goals by finding suitable sites where new "interior" forests can be created or existing forest blocks can be linked with natural corridors.



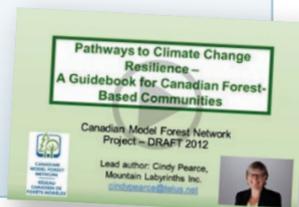
For more information: eepurl.com/ZgCvV

CANADA

Pathways to Climate Change Resilience

The Canadian Model Forest Network has developed a guidebook to help rural-based communities become more climate resilient. The *Guidebook* and the accompanying *Community Resource Collection* have been crafted based on the idea that rural communities in forest settings want guidance in understanding and acting to reduce community impacts from the changing climate.

For more information: eepurl.com/5lSan



2 Legislation creates National Model Forest ecological corridor

The *Model Forest Act of Puerto Rico* was passed by the Puerto Rico Legislature in July 2014. The legislation creates a National Model Forest ecological corridor encompassing approximately one third of the island (390,000 acres or 157,825 ha), 20 municipalities, and interconnecting 20 protected natural areas. The Puerto Rican government has taken the Model Forest approach and adopted it in a very significant way. The legislation creates a powerful mechanism to implement a suite of public policies that will become a new platform for integrating environmental, economic, social and cultural development at a landscape level.

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WORLD

Engagement of indigenous peoples through the Model Forest process

Since 1992, Model Forests around the world have created special and enduring partnerships with indigenous groups. Collaborative partnerships with indigenous peoples not only encompass the different perspectives traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) offers but can also result in innovative and unique governance structures that promote community conversation and action. Indigenous participation in Model Forests has created stronger partnerships, more effective resource management and a deeper level of understanding amongst stakeholders about biodiversity and sustainability.

For more information: eepurl.com/3i3ZX



Asian Model Forests move forward with Forest Landscape Restoration project

The Regional Model Forest Network for Asia (RMFN-Asia) recently obtained three-year funding from the Asia-Pacific Network for Sustainable Forest Management and Rehabilitation (APFNet) to create demonstration sites for forest landscape restoration. The project is focusing on increasing the capacity of stakeholders in three Model Forests in China **A**, the Philippines **B** and India **C** to learn and apply sound forest rehabilitation techniques to help mitigate climate change.



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Model Forests helping businesses promote themselves on the digital landscape

The Model Forest approach brings together a diversity of stakeholders concerned about the sustainable management of the landscape they live in. Often, many of these stakeholders are small and medium enterprises and businesses (SMEs) which operate in, and utilize the resources of, the forest. Model Forests are helping business owners achieve on-the-ground sustainability. The e-directory is a free and alternative platform for small and medium enterprises to communicate with potential partners and customers and Model Forests can now promote their small local businesses who are producing goods and services sustainably.

For more information: eepurl.com/UqHKk



3 Vilhelmina Model Forest celebrates 10 years

The Vilhelmina Model Forest has proven to be a good forum to promote dialogue among stakeholders. It has provided an arena where different interests can meet and potentially merge into concrete landscape planning and sustainable landscape management initiatives. Current issues being explored include: management of protected areas, alternative forestry methods, water regulations, climate change and carbon accounting on landscape basis, reindeer husbandry, holistic planning and conflict management.

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