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State-wide Initiative

**LWW: Primary Goals**

*Keep forests as forests*

*Enhance rural economies and communities*
PARTNER PRINCIPLES

sustainable forestry
land stewardship
strong and resilient local economies
conservation of working lands and ecological reserves
energy conservation

support: landowners, loggers, foresters, manufacturers, consumers
Principles – 2013

Maine’s First Local Wood WORKS Conference - 2014

Six Sector Meetings - 2015

Local Wood Works White Paper - 2016
Local Wood Heat

Use of wood in buildings and consumer goods

Locally-preferred procurement policies

Permanent conservation of working woodlands & ecological reserves

Maine’s current-use taxation programs

Business management education and training
2017-2018 Projects

Architects, Builders
Two woods/mill tours - fall 2017 & spring 2018
Maine-made forest products trade show - 2017
Maine directory of forest products and services - 2018

Small Woodland Owners
Current-use property tax program promotion - 2017
Local wood marketing opportunities - 2017
State-wide LWW Initiative - Builders/Architects

Connect architects/builders to Maine’s forests, wood products, communities

Wood products, modern wood heat

Big timber – engineered, beams, timbers, and posts

Benefits

Keep forests as forests

Support rural communities

Replace carbon intensive steel/concrete with wood

THANK YOU

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