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Hello,

The Nova Scotia Association for Woodland Certification (NSAWC) provides group Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC® C020648) certification to small private landowners and community forests in the Maritimes. Certification is offered regionally in NS through existing woodlot organizations. These organizations act as service providers and points of contact for landowners and managers in the small forest sector. Established in 2006 and having served more than 1000 woodlots covering over 75,500 hectares (180,000 acres), this is a voluntary program available to those interested in managing their woodlots to high standards of environmental and social responsibility.

We are reaching out to you through our engagement efforts as a community representative.

Please take a moment to look at our website: [Woodland Certification for the Maritimes](#) and reach out with any questions or concerns you may have.

There is a lot to take in, please have a look through the various sections and reach out with any questions. Our Public Summary provides an over-arching view of the program for 2025.

We strive to ensure landowners have the best available resources in managing their woodlands, including health and safety resources, best management practices, and having their forest assessed against our High Conservation Value Framework, specifically designed to identify significant and or rare values including wildlife habitat and special ecosystems. Our full policies and procedures are posted and have been recently updated. Members have access to trained field technicians providing hands on support for management decisions and access to forestry treatments and funding.

We appreciate any questions, comments, concerns or ideas you may have to help us improve the social, environmental and economic value system of this program either generally or specifically to your community. **If you manage a municipal forest, please reach out.** We have multiple municipal forests currently in the program and may be able to help guide your management.

Sincerely,

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