

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the revitalization of Viles Arboretum's demonstration woodlot, a once vibrant space which provided aspiring foresters, students, and woodland owners an opportunity to view various management strategies in action.

I am also excited to see the efforts being made to engage the local community in the restoration and management of the woodlot. By involving community members in volunteer workdays, educational programs, and other events, this project is empowering individuals to take an active role in the stewardship of the forest.

Once completed, I believe that this project will again be an excellent example of sustainable forestry management practices and is sure to have a positive impact on the local community and environment. I wholeheartedly endorse the continued efforts to restore and manage this important resource, and I look forward to supporting this project as it moves forward.

As the Kennebec County Tree Farm Program Chair, I am particularly pleased to see the renewal of the Viles Arboretum's status as one of the few, if not the only, Demonstration Tree Farms in Maine.

Sincerely,



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