



Embryo comment sheet responses regarding the Woodlands Conservation Bylaw update

- 1) A woodlot should be an assigned size. If it migrates outside of its assigned boundary, the landowner should not be stopped from returning it to the assigned size. There also should be no fees or permits to do so. Any industrial, commercial or residential lands held for development should be exempt. If a vacant lot held for a number of years grows over, there should be no restriction on the clean-up.

- 2) Invasive species such as buckthorn need to be removed from fence lines, woodlots and roadsides. Buckthorn and other invasive species, if left, may eventually take over woodlots. Buckthorn will shade out young trees and change soil structure so other plants will not grow. By-laws should not prevent landowners from managing their woodlots.