



Wild Turkey Woodlands Recognition Program Fact Sheet

>>Celebrate your success and help landowners.

NWTF chapters are committed to improving wildlife habitat on private lands. The Wild Turkey Woodlands Award program recognizes private landowners in your community for what they do for wildlife, while letting your chapter champion its conservation efforts through a news release to the local paper.

Your chapter can nominate and recognize a local landowner and meet with the landowner and place a Wild Turkey Woodlands sign on the property. Then you can send a news release, located on the NWTF's Web site, to your local newspaper to promote your chapter's good works, such as JAKES, Women in the Outdoors and Wheelin' Sportsmen events, upcoming banquets and other conservation projects. The Wild Turkey Woodlands Recognition program helps you raise local awareness about the importance of managing private land for wildlife and highlights the importance of your local chapter to the community.

>>Who can nominate and approve a landowner for WTWs?

NWTF Chapters, Habitat Pro-Staff, NWTF biologists, Conservation Districts, Natural Resources Conservation Service personnel, state forestry and wildlife agency personnel or any other NWTF partner.

>>What landowners are eligible?

Any landowner or manager who:

- Owns at least 10 acres.
- Allows hunting on the property.
- Has developed or want to develop a habitat management plan.
- Is working for wildlife on their land.

>>How are nominated landowners approved?

The chapters will be provided a WTWs Landowner Certification Evaluation Form that should be filled out by the person nominating the landowner. This evaluation form will help guide the chapter in determining whether or not the landowner is truly deserving of this award. Once the landowner's nomination is approved by the chapter, the form is submitted to the NWTF along with the \$15 fee to cover the sign cost.

>>What is the cost and what does the landowner get?

The chapters use the Super Fund to purchase 18"x18" Wild Turkey Woodlands signs for \$15/each. The landowner is presented with the WTWs sign at their local banquet. The local chapter members then help erect the sign at a high visibility location on the landowner's property. The landowner, if interested in getting a management plan for their property, will be directed to the appropriate agency for a free plan, if available in that state. The landowner will also receive a FREE Hunting Heritage Club membership, that includes 2 issues/year of NWTF's *Get in the Game* magazine.