



Future Forward Forestry

How does regulated professional forestry benefit Ontario's ecology, economy, and climate?

ONTARIO'S FORESTS


 **17%**
of Canada's forest

 **2%**
of the world's forest¹

66%

Total Forests
70.5M hectares²

Ontario Area
107.6M hectares³



MANAGED FOREST ZONE

27.8M hectares of forest² is managed here by R.P.F.s and is where most data is gathered from.



100%

of university graduates from a forestry program are hired in the industry within two years of graduating.⁴



1 hectare = 1.3 soccer fields



156,000 hectares of public forests are renewed every year.⁵
That's over twice the size of Toronto.



47,400 direct jobs are provided by Ontario's public forests.⁵

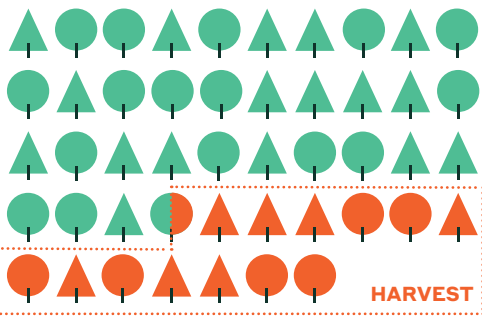
These jobs are in the forest products sector, urban forests, restoration, and environmental protection.

There are **514 employers** in Ontario's forest products industry.⁶



Ontario's annual forest growth is **far greater** than its harvest.

47M cubic metres of forest grows every year.



13.4M cubic metres of forest is harvested, which is only 0.2% of Ontario's total forest.²



1 in 100 people in Ontario are employed by the forest sector.⁷



\$4 billion in gross domestic product is generated every year by Ontario's forest sector.²

Think a career in Professional Forestry might be in your future? Learn more at opfa.ca/future-foresters



¹ Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy, 2020. ² State of Ontario's Natural Resources Forests, 2021. ³ Forest resources of Ontario, 2021. ⁴ Graduate Survey: University graduates continue to enter the workforce job-ready and resilient, 2022. ⁵ Forest management: facts and figures, 2021. ⁶ Canadian Industry Statistics, 2021. ⁷ Sustainable Forestry Benefits the Economy and the Environment, #ItTakesAForest. Photo by Ying Hong, R.P.F.