

## Accomplishments

### 2017 - Designing for Maine: Professional Tour for Architects and Builders

**2016** - Statewide meetings for representatives from across the state and region, and from many economic sectors, to discuss the challenges and opportunities Maine's local wood economy is facing. LWW 2017 White Paper: <https://www.tkl.org/local-wood-works-2017-white-paper/>

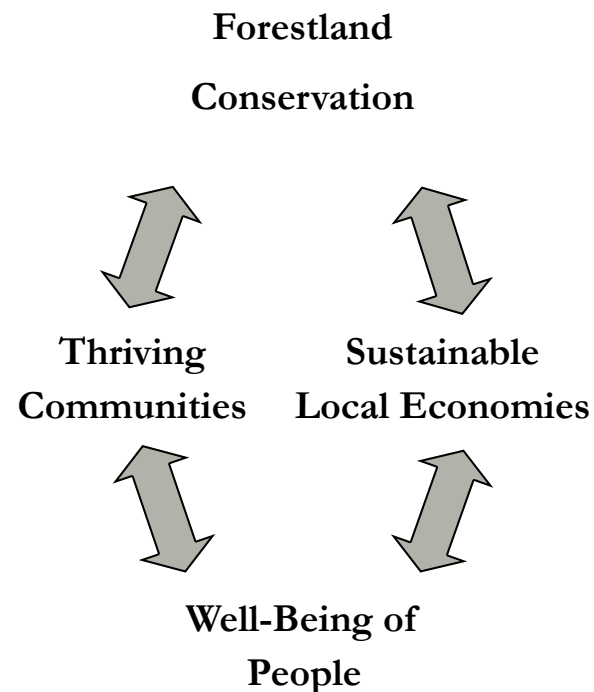
**2015 - Local Wood Day** programs for woodland owners seeking information about how to manage their forests sustainably and open houses at various businesses involved in manufacturing and processing forest products



**2014: Maine's first Local Wood WORKS Conference** - a networking opportunity focused on Maine people, its forests, and local economies <https://www.tkl.org/lwwhome>

## Partnerships

LWW partners are prioritizing projects that link forestland conservation, energy conservation, and sustainable natural-resource-based local economies.

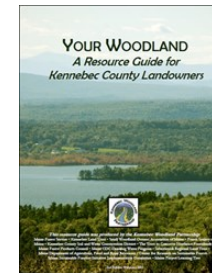


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## It Takes a Village

Here are some concrete steps you can take to maximize your power as a community member *and* the power of what's right in your backyard:



**Pick up** a free copy of "Your Woodland — A Resource Guide for Kennebec County Landowners" at the Maine Forest Service, [http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/contact\\_us.html](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/contact_us.html)

**Support** your local builders and woodworkers. Buy local wood like you buy local food!



**Reconsider** possible uses for wood. Did you know that Kennebec County could use its own timber to heat every building in the county during the winter?  
*Ken Laustsen, MFS, pers. communication, Aug. 2017.*

**Reduce, reuse, recycle:** See the value and potential of what you already own, which will make you hesitate before you buy.

## Building Maine's Local Wood Economy, Together with Conservation

Local Wood WORKS (LWW): recognizing the interdependence of two of Maine's most important natural resources — its **forests** and its **people**.



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## From Our Community to Yours

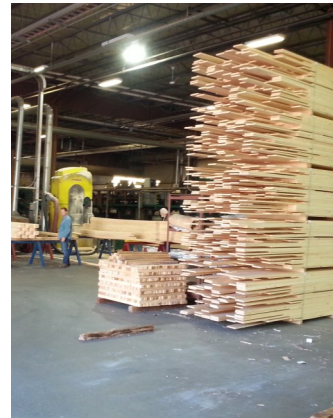


## LOCAL WOOD WORKS INITIATIVES

The Local Wood WORKS initiative is made up of eight organizations: Kennebec Land Trust, Maine Forest Service (MFS), Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Coastal Enterprises, Inc., GrowSmart Maine, Kennebec Woodland Partnership and Northern Forest Center (NFC). The LWW partners are committed to advancing forest-based local economies and supporting the long-term conservation and sustainability of Maine's woodlands.



**Promote greater use of wood in buildings and consumer goods.** Our fire and building codes are outdated. For example, it is currently illegal to build a timber-frame structure taller than two stories in Maine. Yet numerous projects elsewhere have shown that such structures are perfectly safe when properly engineered and designed.



**Develop and promote locally-preferred procurement policies for government, businesses, non-profits, and individuals.** The environmental benefits of local wood products will help to strengthen markets for wood products. This provides a financial incentive for woodland owners to sustainably harvest, and creates a need for workers who can turn these harvests into functional wooden products.

**Support the permanent conservation of working woodlands and ecological reserves** through fee purchases and easements. Land trusts like KLT, MCHT, TNC, and others, as well as the state of Maine, assist landowners in reaching this goal.



**Maintain and promote current use taxation programs like Tree Growth, Farmland, and Open Space.**



**Promote businesses management education and training within the forest products industry** like the Northern Forest Center's Wood Products Innovation initiative and the state of Maine Correctional Facility's vocational wood harvesting program.



**Create a coalition for local wood heat.** Stimulating the market for abundant pulp-grade wood as a heat source will benefit Mainers, since heat is a necessity for more than half the year.

See: NFC Modern Wood Heat Program <https://northernforest.org/programs/modern-wood-heat/>

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