



Forestry Technology Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. WHAT IS FORESTRY?

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) defines forestry as the science, art, and craft of creating, managing, using, conserving, and repairing forests and associated resources in a sustainable manner to meet desired goals, needs, and values for human benefit. This broad discipline includes specialized areas such as agroforestry, urban forestry, industrial and procurement forestry, and utility forestry.

2. WHY IS FORESTRY AN IMPORTANT DISCIPLINE?

Forests are an important renewable natural resource and must be managed in a sustainable manner so that future generations can benefit from a broad array of forest products and ecosystem services. The practice of forestry has many useful outcomes such as: producing timber as raw material for wood products, improving wildlife habitat, supplying high quality water, providing recreational opportunities, creating aesthetically appealing landscapes, maintaining biodiversity, controlling soil erosion, and preserving forests as sinks for atmospheric carbon dioxide.

3. WHAT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO GRADUATES?

There are five main career paths that Glenville State College (GSC) forestry graduates have traditionally taken. These include procurement forestry, forestry consulting, state government, federal government and utility forestry. Procurement forestry is where a forester buys timber for a wood manufacturer such as a sawmill.

