

# Wisconsin Young Forest Initiative

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“Delivering conservation for early successional species on private lands.”

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# Necessities for Successfully Delivering Conservation on Private Lands

- Partnerships
- Outreach
- Implementation



# Partnerships

- **Wisconsin Young Forest Partnership**
  - **U.S. Forest Service**
    - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**
    - Natural Resources Conservation Service**
    - Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources**
    - Ruffed Grouse Society/American Woodcock Society**
    - American Bird Conservancy**
    - Pheasants Forever**
    - National Wild Turkey Federation**
    - Wisconsin County Forest Association**
    - The Forestland Group, LLC**
    - Wildlife Management Institute**

# Partnerships

- Working towards a common goal:
  - WYFP partners agree to “identify, promote, and deliver conservation programs that assist landowners with land management through the use of combined resources between agencies, organizations and companies.”
- Each Partner provides unique opportunities for delivering conservation.

# Outreach

- Necessary to garner interest!!
  - Young Forest habitat benefits a myriad of wildlife species.



# Outreach

- Cold calls/mailings
- Media
- Eventually...word of mouth!



# Implementation

- Educate public
  - Simplify best management practices
- Funding Sources
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service
    - EQIP
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife
    - Partner's Program

# Implementation

- Site Visits/Consultations
  - Rely on all members of partnership.
    - DNR Forestry/Wildlife Biologist
    - NRCS District Conservationists
    - Partner's Biologists
    - NGO's
      - Ruffed Grouse Society
      - Pheasant's Forever – Farm Bill Biologists





# Implementation

- Consulting Foresters and Contractors



# Successfully Delivery of Conservation

- Partnership working together towards a common goal!

