

## Small Lots... A Big Deal!

*"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."*

*-Aldo Leopold, Naturalist*

Small lots, such as the one you may own, are a big deal. The vast majority of landowners have less than 10 acres. This land, wooded or not, is a vital source for all.

By enhancing wooded areas or creating natural areas on your lot, you can enjoy recreation, aesthetics, wildlife and improved water quality.

**Owners of even just a few acres can make a positive difference in their environment through planning and implementing simple stewardship practices learned at The Woods In Your Backyard Workshop.**

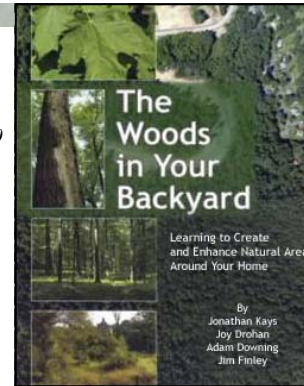
## Personal Benefits

Simple stewardship practices learned at the workshop will bring you many personal benefits:

- **More Time Outdoors:** A great way to get away from the rigors of daily life.
- **Increased Privacy & Sanctuary:** Your own serene landscape to observe and enjoy.
- **More abundant & diverse wildlife:** You provide habitats for wildlife you choose.
- **Increased exercise:** Land techniques you apply will have you working more around the yard, at your own pace.
- **Forest Products:** Firewood, specialty medicinal plants, shiitake mushrooms, maple syrup and Christmas trees just to name a few.
- **Enhanced property value and reduction in energy costs.**

## The Manual

The workshop uses the manual *The Woods in Your Backyard: Learning to Create and Enhance Natural Areas Around Your Home*. The full-color, 139-page manual guides land owners to:



- Learn why you should manage your land.
- Map your land, assess why you bought it, and decide what you hope to get out of it.
- Understand how your land relates to the land around you.
- Identify land management units on your property.
- Learn basics of tree identification, forestry, and wildlife habitat management.
- Assess your property's water resources, recreational possibilities, and aesthetic appeal, and ways to improve each.
- Choose a few land management projects to help meet your goals.
- Set a timetable and mark progress.



## The Workshop

Each workshop is two sessions one week apart. The time in-between is for the purpose of applying lessons. The sessions are designed to go over the manual and provide guidance on how to use the Resource CD.

### Workshop Details:

Dates: Thursdays 9/23 & 9/30

Time: 6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Location: Faith Christian Academy  
138 Greensburg Road  
Martinsburg, WV 25401

### Cost for Workshop:

\$20/individual or family

Includes a manual, CD & light refreshments.

(Registration form on back)

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## Registration

### The Woods In Your Backyard Create and Enhance Natural Areas Around Your Home

Please complete this registration form and mail to the address below. **Register at least one week prior to workshop date.**

Name(s):	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Cost for workshop (includes manual & CD)  
\$20.00/ individual or family  
Write checks payable to:

*Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay*

Mail this form and registration fee to:

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Learn to Create and Enhance  
Natural Areas Around Your Home

Two-Part Workshop In Berkeley Co.  
September 23 & 30th, 2010

