

# Sustainable Forestry Benefits the Economy and the Environment

**1 out of every 100**  
Ontarians is employed  
by the forest sector.

Ontario's forests are vast and provide many economic, social, and environmental benefits. Covering nearly two-thirds of the province, forests are important to wildlife habitat, biodiversity, clean air and water, cultural enrichment, recreation and education services.

Through sustainable management, forests also provide a source of wood that captures carbon, and supports a sector that creates family-supporting jobs in Northern Indigenous communities and rural towns that need them. Many companies that operate today have been around for generations and want to be around for many more.

A career in forestry can provide meaningful and fulfilling work. Not only is it good for your mental and physical health, but it's a profession that is in demand and projected to grow.

Did you know that equipment operators, truck drivers, mill workers and tree planters represent the majority of forestry sector jobs and form the largest group within the sector?



## Forestry supports **180,000 jobs** across Ontario.

The forestry sector supports 260 communities and over 180,000 jobs across the province of Ontario, with many local companies, family-owned and operated. The people who live and work in the forest are our neighbours, our families, and our friends.

These jobs represent a critical source of employment in communities that often have few other industries.

Here are five reasons to work in the forest sector:

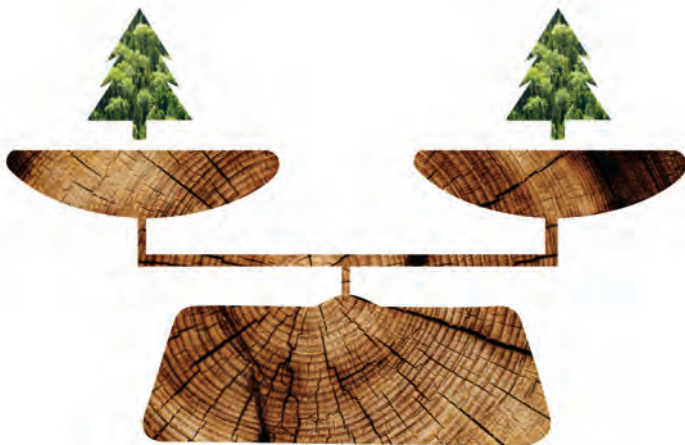
**1 Protect forests for future generations**

By pursuing a career in the forest sector, you will play an integral role in protecting our planet's biodiversity and resources for future generations.

**2 It can be good for your mental health**

Studies show that spending time outdoors, particularly near trees and forests, is good for your health.

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**4 Work in a growing field**

Careers in forestry have been around since the 1800s, and the demand is only growing. The forest sector is projected to grow faster than other occupations, with thousands retiring in the next decade.

**5 Take part in forest sector innovation**

Although the forest sector is one of Ontario's oldest, it's embracing new research, development, and technologies by using drones, robotics, artificial intelligence, and automated vehicles.

**Spending time with your  
neighbourhood trees can  
reduce stress.**



**3 Learn a specialized skill**

Enhancing, managing, and conserving forests is an essential service. Forestry careers require a variety of different skills from tree identification and problem-solving, to decision-making and long-range planning.

**Forests motivate  
and facilitate  
physical activity.**

