

Planning and Development

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Dear Neighbouring Landowners,

Grey County would like to inform you of a harvest operation which will take place in 2022. The property being logged is Grey County Forest – Dromore in the Township of Southgate.

During the harvest operation the property will be closed to the public. Signs will be posted and where necessary, barriers will be put in place. Please respect all signage and remain off the property.

At this time, the County does not know the exact dates that the harvest operation will occur within 2022. The nature of harvesting (weather, site conditions, etc.) does not allow a contractor to know when they will commence the harvest until much closer to the start date. As a result, the County often only has a few days notification and cannot notify neighbouring landowners via regular mail. To remedy this, staff have created an email notification list for this forest property. If you wish to be included on this list, please contact forests@grey.ca with your:

- name,
- email address, and
- the name of the forest property

We will send out an email to anyone that has registered with the County for this purpose.

The limit of the forest operations has been marked and all trees that are to be removed will be marked with orange paint at DBH (diameter at breast height) and butt marked. A forest prescription has been prepared and the trees are marked to good forestry according to Grey County's Forest Management Plan. A map has been enclosed on page 3 showing the location of the harvest to occur.

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The County's goal is to actively manage County forests using good forest management techniques while providing multiple recreational opportunities. The County has a Forest Management Plan for all of its properties which outlines the effective management practices within County forest properties. A copy of the County's Forest Management Plan can be found at the below link. Additional information on the County's Forests, including videos outlining the harvests and good forestry practices, can also be found at this link.

https://grey.ca/forests-trails

In 2011 Grey County obtained Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certification for all of the County's forests as part of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest's group certificate. FSC certification ensures that Grey County's forests are being managed using the essential elements or rules of environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable forest management.

Any questions or concerns regarding this logging operation can be directed to Lee Thurston at 519 376-3076 ext. 237 or via email at I.thurston@greysauble.on.ca

Yours truly,

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