# WE CAN HELP YOUR COMMISSION STEWARD OLD GROWTH FOR THE FUTURE

Here are some of the resources and opportunities that the Old-Growth Forest Network can provide to conservation commissions interested in preserving or fostering mature and old-growth forests in their community:

#### **EXPLORE OGFN'S ONLINE RESOURCES**

An important part of our work to preserve old-growth forests is to educate and empower others with the tools that they need to contribute to forest preservation in their communities. We are continually working to expand OGFN's suite of online resources and make them freely available to you for download at <a href="https://www.oldgrowthforest.net/all-resources">www.oldgrowthforest.net/all-resources</a>.

#### PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

To help educate your community about the value of old-growth forests, OGFN staff are available for presentations, activity tables, children's activities and more. We'd love to partner with you!

#### FOREST PROTECTION DOCUMENTATION ASSISTANCE

When creating a forest management plan or other guiding documentation, conservation commissions have found it helpful to consult OGFN on the wording. Whether you need a template to get you started or someone to read over a draft before finalization, OGFN is always happy to help with protection documentation language.

#### NOMINATE A FOREST IN YOUR TOWN

Does your town have an exceptional mature or old-growth forest? We'd like to recognize your community for protecting and stewarding it. Nominate it for one of OGFN's three forest registries at <a href="www.oldgrowthforest.net/nominate-a-forest">www.oldgrowthforest.net/nominate-a-forest</a>.

Network Forest Registry - If your town's forest is one of the oldest or most exceptional, protected, public forests in your county, it may be eligible for inclusion in our <a href="https://www.network.

**Community Forest Registry** - Our <u>Community Forest</u> designation recognizes protected forests that are a focal point for their community and provide opportunities for education, recreation, art, acts of service, wellness, awareness, and making memories with loved ones.

**Private Forest Registry** - We recognize private landowners (individuals or organizations) who are protecting or restoring old growth by preserving portions or the entirety of their forest. Public access is not a requirement for entry into our <a href="Private Forest Registry">Private Forest Registry</a>.

## GET INVOLVED WITH THE OLD-GROWTH FOREST NETWORK

#### **DISCOVER**

To learn about where to visit old-growth and mature forests near you, visit <a href="https://www.oldgrowthforest.net/network-forests">www.oldgrowthforest.net/network-forests</a>.

#### **VOLUNTEER**

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### SIGN UP

Join our mailing list to receive: • Invitations to OGFN events near you, including forest recognition events and guided forest walks • Opportunities to advocate for threatened forests nationwide and locally • Our quarterly e-newsletter • Our Annual Report. Sign up at <a href="https://www.oldgrowthforest.net/sign-up">www.oldgrowthforest.net/sign-up</a>.