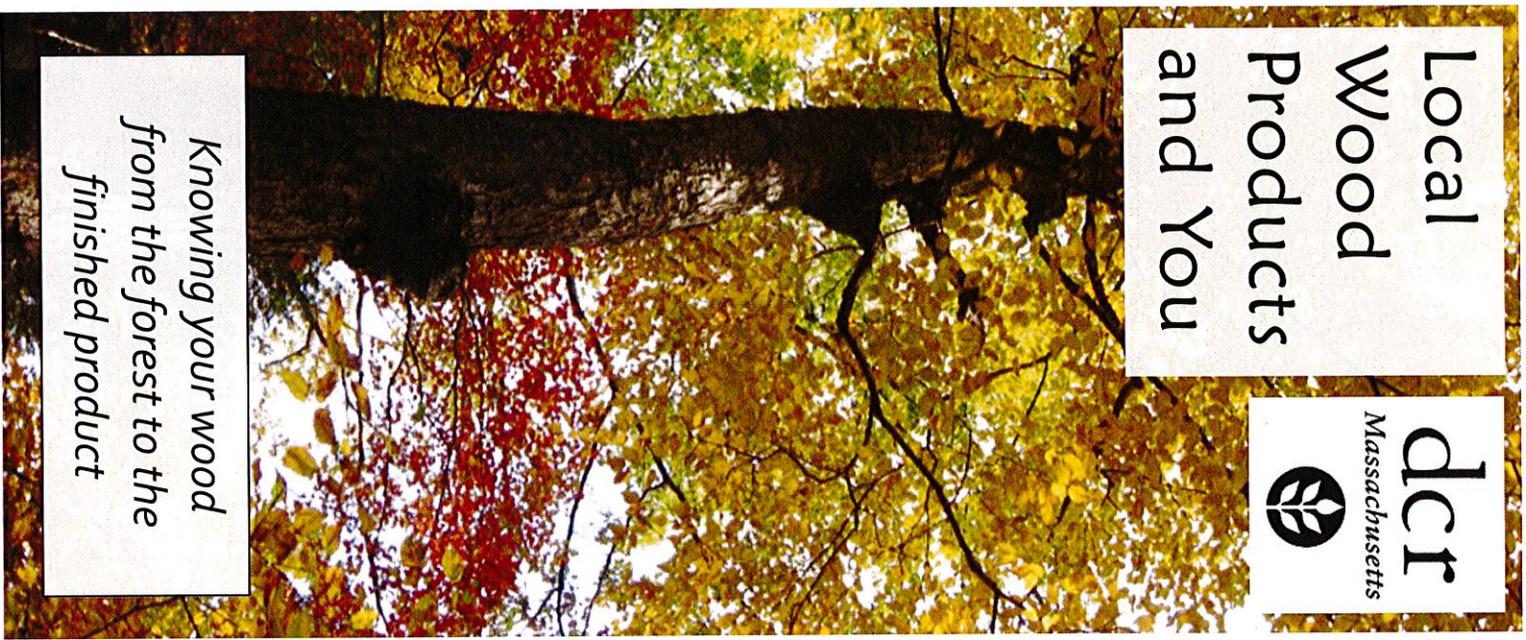


Local  
Wood  
Products  
and You



*Knowing your wood  
from the forest to the  
finished product*



## Where Does Your Wood Come From?

Massachusetts is the 8th most-forested state in the U.S. with over 3 million wooded acres, nearly three-quarters of which is in private ownership. Our diverse forests contain useful species like white pine, red oak and hemlock that are suitable for many of our common wood uses.

With 6.5 million residents, we are also a densely populated state that uses nearly 500 million cubic feet of wood each year.

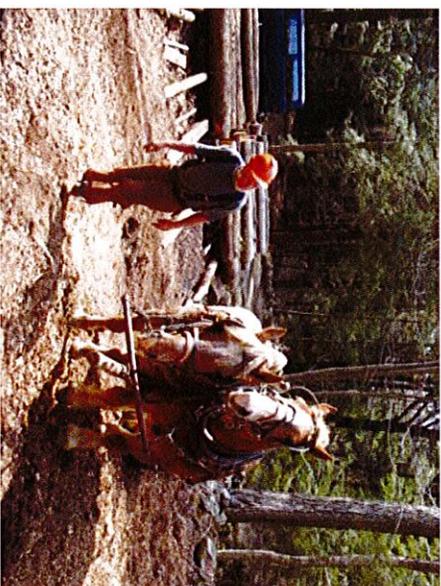
## Yet, only 2% of our wood comes from trees harvested locally



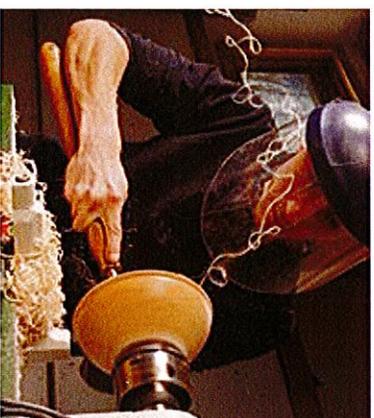
Today, we import most of our wood from thousands of miles away, sometimes harvested in foreign countries with little to no environmental oversight, while our own forests continue to be developed at an alarming rate.

## Why Buy Local?

Just like buying local food helps keep farms viable, buying local wood helps keep forests viable!



Actively managed woodlands continue to provide the many environmental benefits we typically associate with forests. In addition, these woodlands also produce high-quality wood products, support numerous small rural businesses, and provide landowners with incentives to keep their forest-land intact.



By choosing to purchase local wood for your next project, you can help make a difference by keeping forest as forest right here in Massachusetts.

## What Can You Do?

### **Ask Where Your Wood Comes From**

Exercise your power as an informed consumer by taking this simple, yet critical, first step.

### **Know It From the Source**

Massachusetts sawmills and native lumber producers aren't just local businesses, they also produce wood from locally-harvested timber and are more likely to know the exact location where their wood originated. See the back panel for links to these directories.

### **Look for a Logo**

"Green certified" logos indicate the sustainable origins of wood products here and around the globe.

**Here are some of the certifications available for wood and paper products today.**



**Commonwealth Quality**  
Certified wood products that are sustainably harvested and manufactured in Massachusetts



**Forest Stewardship Council**  
Tens of thousands of acres in Massachusetts currently maintain certifications for sustainable long term management through the DCR Green Certification Program.

The mark of responsible forestry

# Wood...

Wood is a fundamental component of our daily lives. Simple yet elegant, wood incorporates the strength and majesty of trees into our built environment and beautifies it with accents from the natural world.

When put to long-lasting uses, such as framing or furniture, wood can store carbon for generations. Reusing and recycling wood increases the longevity of this carbon storage capacity. Additionally, sustainably managed forests continue to accumulate and store carbon as vigorous young regeneration comes up in place of harvested trees.

## ...A Beautiful Resource

Forests are an abounding natural resource in Massachusetts, providing us with clean air and water, wildlife habitat, rural scenic beauty and numerous recreational opportunities. Buying local wood products helps perpetuate these benefits by supporting a landowner's decision to maintain forest as forest.

## For Additional Information

### Contact

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Visit [www.thecqp.com/forest](http://www.thecqp.com/forest) to find local wood producers who meet the sustainability standards set by the Commonwealth Quality Program.

**Interested** in using native lumber in structural building? Contact Sean Mahoney to learn more about how to find producers who meet local building codes.

