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Analog Forestry: A Community Tool for Biodiversity Restoration

Unarguably, biodiversity restoration is good for the planet. The catch is how can the goal of fostering healthy and vibrant ecosystems compete with the more immediate need for cold hard cash? How can farmers be persuaded to reforest their land without government or conservation group incentives? Analog forestry aims to accomplish exactly that. By working at the individual and community level, Analog Forestry demonstrates that restoring native forests can make not only environmental sense, but economic cents as well.

Analog Forestry aims to re-create ecosystems which are analogous to native climax forest stands. It makes the restoration of degraded land particularly appealing by empowering rural communities, both socially and economically, through the use of species that provide marketable products.

Nestled amidst New Brunswick's Acadian Forest, on 400 acres of farm and woodlands, Falls Brook Centre is the Canadian hub of the International Analog Forestry Network. Falls Brook Centre has spearheaded restoration efforts in the Acadian Forest of New Brunswick, as well as with various projects overseas in countries such as Cuba, Honduras, Dominican Republic, and Costa Rica.

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