

## RENEWABLE RESOURCES: Their Significance

### in the Most Developed Part of the Country

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1. Northeastern U. S. and adjacent Canada, the most developed part of the continent
  - oldest area, settled and developed most
  - illustrations
  - coupon clipping as the most pleasant way of receiving one's living
2. Recent concern about the competitiveness and viability of the economy of this whole region
  - regionwide problems with primary growth elsewhere
  - NYC as one kind of example
  - Michigan's unusually concentrated and energy dependent economy as a second example
3. Renewable resources including forests are important as one means for working toward a modestly more diverse, modestly less vulnerable economy
  - evident interest of diverse groups in this possibility
  - Michigan examples: Jaakko Poyry, wood for energy
  - efficiency considerations: tax limitations
4. Some major implications for forest resources
  - urgent need for overall strategies involving all major landowners (statewide plan)
  - sort out the major purposes of land management, separate conflicting uses
  - "intensify management" in several different dimensions
5. Possible implications for management of nurseries and related facilities/ programs
  - type conversion on a moderate scale may be one means for increasing productivity (Most productive sites only, constraints regarding other values)
  - expanded nursery production may be needed with emphasis on superior stock (expanded in relation to recent levels, perhaps not in relation to much earlier historic highs)
  - opportunity and need for further rationalization and interstate cooperation
    - northeastern analysis of efficient patterns of production/distribution
    - case for similar analysis in north central
    - challenge to find ways to get advantages of such interstate specialization without the problems

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