

Cape Breton Forestry Hub

Vision:

A diverse and healthy forest economy supporting a diverse and healthy forest on Cape Breton.

Mission:

To create a hub model that supports a network of locally owned forest enterprises.

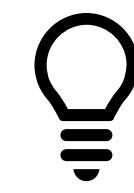


A network of over 300 woodlots, FSC® certified already exists through CBPP

Support for contractors interested on low impact harvesting

Supply agreements for low impact harvesting

Aggregation of jobs and woodlots to reduce overhead costs



The majority of prescribed forest management treatments on Cape Breton woodlots are non-clearcut hardwood treatments. These are not being completed due to low prices and current lack of contractor capacity that matches landowner requirements.



Demonstration to customers, internal and external, that the entire supply change is ecologically appropriate will be a key to success.

Specialty wood sourcing support through woodlot network

Support coordination of sale, harvest and transport for small enterprises.

Help develop and support small scale harvest capacity.

Sourcing of wood from woodlots where appropriate forest management is happening.



Wood craft 'retreats'

Wood craft training

Mentorship



Training programs centered around topics such as wood turning, featuring well known artisans, and covering the entire production cycle, would attract craftspeople from around the world.

NSSC Partnership

The supply chain supporting the production of forest products is highly integrated. Success in one particular area can not be achieved without a wholistic approach that addresses all aspects.



Analysis of opportunities

Pelletization?

District Heating?

Torrefaction?

Biochar ?



Sustainable production of high value products will require an outlet for lower value products.



Support development of value adding, appropriate scale local businesses

Wood sorting and receiving

Shared Equipment

Business Incubator / Rental space

Product development



The hope is that the finewood facility can be purchased, owned and operated as a cooperative venture.

Promote CB as a destination for potential small wood based businesses

Shared branding and promotion of CB wood products

Mentorship and business support

Marketing and business development

We need to position Cape Breton as a destination for individuals and small businesses interested in starting value-adding enterprises.



Support new and existing value adding businesses through the development of shared marketing and branding.



Common 'Show Room'

Diverse and Healthy Local Forests

Diverse and Healthy Local Business

Cape Breton has been gifted with the ability to grow a diversity of forest types that are both ecologically and economically valuable. These forest types, and their inherent value, have been largely ignored and the potential of our forests to produce high value products and services has remained untapped. Managing for a diversified forest would clearly benefit our Island, however this can not be done without suitable markets capable of justifying the cost. Local markets would be ideal; however these can not be successful without a complete supply chain in place.