Seven “Hallmarks” of a Well-Managed Woodland

- A carefully thought out (and well-communicated) set of goals, values, priorities for the ownership

- **Property boundaries** are clearly and accurately marked, on paper and on the ground

- An **access system** of roads and/or trails that is well-established and designed

- A **Forest Management Plan** that is written, comprehensive, and current, and realistically addresses the landowner’s goals

- A visible, ongoing program of activities & projects, implemented skillfully & over time

- An ongoing working relationship with a **Maine Licensed Forester**

- Some type of estate plan that assures the future integrity of the land and its management
7 things you can do today to “manage” your woodlands

☐ visit some portion of your property boundary that you haven’t seen in a while

☐ walk a familiar trail – and venture 100 feet farther into your woods than you’ve been before

☐ learn to identify one species of tree or shrub (bird, butterfly, mushroom, wildflower, animal track...) from your property that you don’t know

☐ prune and/or thin around one tree that you want to encourage

☐ ... and use what you’ve cut for firewood, crafts, garden stakes, fencing... or other projects

☐ talk with your family about your woodland goals

☐ call or visit a friend and tell them about your woodland (or ask them about theirs)