COVERTS PROJECT COOPERATOR
Application Form

The Connecticut Coverts Project is seeking woodland owners who want to learn about, practice and help others understand good forest and wildlife stewardship. This application is an important step in helping us locate enthusiastic individuals to become Coverts Project Cooperators. If you own or help to manage some forestland, and are interested in becoming a Cooperator, please complete this form as soon as possible and return to:

The Connecticut Coverts Project
c/o Thomas Worthley
Middlesex County Extension Center
1066 Saybrook Rd. P.O.Box 70
Haddam, CT 06438

(Mr. Mrs. Ms.)

1) Name ________________________________
   (Last) ____________________ (First) ____________________ (MI)__________________

2) Address: Home
   _____________________________________________________________
   (Street, or PO Box)
   _____________________________________________________________
   (Town) ____________________ (State) ____________________ (Zip) __________
   (Home Phone) __________ (Work Phone) __________

3) Current Occupation ________________________________

4) How long have you lived in Connecticut? ___________ YEARS

5) How long have you lived in the community in which you now reside? _______ YEARS

6) Approximately how many acres of woodland do you own, or are you are responsible for managing in Connecticut? ____________ ACRES OWNED
   ____________ ACRES RESPONSIBLE FOR, OWNED BY ____________________
7) Do you have a written forest stewardship plan?  YES  NO

8) What, if any, forest or wildlife stewardship activities have you carried out on your wooded property in the past three years? As an example, you might list: releasing apple trees or other wildlife food plants, timber stand improvements, woods road or trail construction, etc.

9) Where during the past 3 years have you sought information concerning forest and wildlife stewardship?  
   - circle the appropriate letter(s) -
   
   A) DEP Public Service Forester (CT Bureau of Forestry)
   B) UConn Cooperative Extension System
   C) Wildlife habitat biologist (CT Bureau of Wildlife)
   D) Private consulting forester(s)
   E) Industrial forester(s)
   F) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
   G) Farm service agency (FSA)
   H) Others (please list)

10) Please indicate the level of knowledge concerning forest and wildlife stewardship you have gained from the following sources:  Circle “0” if you haven't gained any knowledge from the source; circle “1” if you have only gained a minimum amount of information; and circle “2” if you have gained a lot.

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| Natural Resource and/or Environmental Organizations | 0 | 1 | 2 | (for example, Sierra Club, Ruffed Grouse Society, fish and game clubs, etc.)
11) Please list any current or past community and organizational involvement. (Include, for example, association offices, community boards or commissions, other volunteer activities, etc.)

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12) Please indicate the statement which most accurately describes the level of knowledge you feel you have about forest and wildlife stewardship.

- please circle the appropriate letter -

A) I have no knowledge of forest or natural resources stewardship.
B) I am aware of some of the options available to me in managing my property for wood, wildlife and other benefits.
C) I understand some forest and wildlife stewardship concepts and can explain them to others.
D) I have enough skills to implement some forest and wildlife stewardship activities on my land.
E) I know as much about forest and wildlife stewardship as most foresters or wildlife biologists.

13) Which of the following statements most accurately describes your attitudes in general about hunting (not necessarily just on your property)?

- please circle the appropriate letter -

A) I am strictly opposed to all hunting.
B) I am not opposed to hunting, but do not hunt.
C) I am a hunter.

14) CIRCLE ONE: I (do) (do not) allow hunting on my property.

15) Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements. If you disagree strongly circle 1; disagree somewhat circle 2; agree somewhat circle 3; agree strongly circle 4.

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<td>A) I find it difficult to express my ideas</td>
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<td>B) It is easy for me to act naturally in a group</td>
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<td>C) Others often turn to me for guidance</td>
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<td>D) I enjoy speaking in public</td>
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<td>E) Others expect me to be a leader in my community</td>
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<td>F) I am more likely than others in my circle of Friends or acquaintances to be asked my Views on natural resources issues</td>
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16) How much experience do you have accessing or working with local media sources?

No Access 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 A Lot of Access

17) Which of the following do you feel are your three strongest potential points as a communicator? - circle the appropriate letter(s) -

A) Writing for newspapers, periodicals, etc.
B) Public speaking.
C) Organizing/staffing workshops or educational displays.
D) Leading groups in the field.
E) Creating educational videos or public service announcements
F) One-on-one conversations with neighbors and others.
G) Addressing key issues with legislators or local officials.
H) Other

18) Do you have a personal computer? ______Yes _____No

Do you have an e-mail address? If so, what is it? ________________________

19) What aspects of the Coverts Project interest you the most?

20) Anything else you'd like to share?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!!

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