Eastern Ontario Model Forest – Privacy Policy

The Eastern Ontario Model Forest respects the privacy of our members, partners and stakeholders. As part of our commitment to protecting your privacy, we adhere to all legislative requirements, and we will employ our best efforts to ensure that the information you provide to us will be safeguarded, and used only for the intended purpose. We will not sell or provide access to private information from our membership or partners and stakeholders to anyone.

The information we collect will allow us to better provide the services and programs important to our stakeholder audiences.

Information provided may be used for one or more of the following reasons:

- To help manage and sustain our programs, projects and services
- To meet the requirements of our funding supporters
- To respond to your information requests
- To seek your feedback and survey your needs as members, partners or stakeholders in the EOMF
- To provide you with notification of meetings, events, workshops or programs

Website, database and electronic commerce

We will strive to protect the privacy of those who visit, browse, or use our website at <u>www.comf.on.ca</u> For example, we do not collect information on those individuals who access the website; we do not make e-mail addresses available to other organizations; and the information you provide to us online will only be used to provide you with the information that you have requested.

Like all web servers, certain information is logged about each visit to the site. For example, the address of your internet provider, your operating system and browser service, the date and time of your visit, the pages and files you visited or downloaded, the web site that linked you to our site, and the search engine and keyword used to find our site. This information is summarized into aggregate reports and is used to provide us with a means of determining if the content available on our website is meeting the Eastern Ontario Model Forest's goals and objectives.

The links to third party websites from our site are provided solely as a convenience to you. Please be advised that we are not responsible for the privacy practices of other sites and we recommend that you read the privacy statements of each site you visit.

Any electronic financial transactions through our website and database will be confidential.

The EOMF Certification Program

With respect to the EOMF Certification Program, we may share aggregate information and/or specific individual information about our FSC-certified members with our auditing agency for the purposes of maintaining our FSC certificate.

The Eastern Ontario Model Forest has created an online data management tool for the purpose of tracking all FSC-certified members in our program. Your information within that system will not be shared with any individual or agency other than what is required from the FSC certification process.

We will protect your personal information by maintaining the appropriate technical and organizational safeguards against loss, theft, unauthorized access and disclosure. We will strive to keep your information as accurate, complete and current as possible. You may ask to see that information to ensure its accuracy and have it amended as appropriate.

Information specific to you or your property will be stored within the online data management tool but will only be visible to you, your appointed representative (if any), and the EOMF staff associated with the program; it will not be visible or made accessible to others who use the site.

Who to contact

Should you have any questions relating to our privacy policies or practices, please contact the Eastern Ontario Model Forest at <u>modelforest@eomf.on.ca</u>.

The Eastern Ontario Model Forest will periodically review this policy and may make revisions as necessary. Please visit our website to view our most up-to-date privacy practices.