

DEVELOPMENT OF
DEMONSTRATION FOREST FOR BOTTOM BROOK
PHASE II - SIGNAGE

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Abstract

The principle objective of this project was to erect species identification signage in the Canadian Forest Service (CFS) arboretum at Bottom Brook in the Bottom Brook Demonstration Forest (BBDF). Also, numbered signage was erected to correlate with interpretative messages outlined in a self guided tour brochure developed in 1995 by Centre for Forest and Environmental Studies (contractor) under a similar grant partnership between NFS and WNMF. The project erected 127 posts with 450 signs (see photos in Appendix I). Additionally, a kiosk was constructed to shelter interpretative panels and self guided tour brochures, both of which will be installed in 1997.

Introduction

The following is the final completion report to the Western Newfoundland Model Forest (WNMF) for the project **Development of Demonstration Forest for Bottom Brook - Phase II - Signage**. The project applicant was Department of Forest Resources & Agrifoods - Newfoundland Forest Service (NFS), St. George's. The contractor was FoxEye Environment Coalition of Stephenville.

The WNMF provided a \$10,000 grant with the deliverables identified as:

1. To design, produce and install identification and interpretative signage.
2. To submit final report.

The format of this report is not fully consistent with the contract instructions due to its operational, rather than research, nature.

Background Information

In the development schedule for the Bottom Brook Demonstration Forest (BBDF), the Canadian Forest Service (CFS) arboretum has been prioritized. The arboretum has been identified as having the greatest immediate public and scientific appeal.

The 12 ha arboretum was established in 1967 with occasional plantings continuing up to 1985. There are 29 species plus provenances represented in 65 trial blocks. The objective was to demonstrate the performance of native and exotic species in typical western Newfoundland forest.

As evidenced in the accompanying photographs, the arboretum has developed into a very interesting, valuable and attractive forest education venue. It has served as a study area for the Forest Resource Technology program of WestViking College since their move to Corner Brook in 1985. The area is frequently visited by forestry personnel, and increasingly by school groups and the general public.

Project Expenditure Summary

Labour costs (wages and MERC)	\$4,200.00
Materials	\$5,800.00

The project was assisted by WestViking College who provided an all terrain vehicle (ATV) for the transport of materials on-site. The NFS provided an ATV trailer and project supervision. Human Resources Development provided 4 students for four weeks.



