



# PORT HAWKESBURY PAPER WOODLANDS

Sustainable forest management (SFM) is a critical function of Port Hawkesbury Paper's mill operation.

The wood used for paper production comes mainly from the seven eastern counties of Nova Scotia from both Crown managed land and private woodland owners. The employees and contractors of the Woodlands Unit not only work in the managed regions, but live, play, hunt and fish there as well. All mill employees and contractors have a vested interest in the long-term sustainability of the forests.

## SUSTAINABILITY

For over a decade, the mill has been monitoring and reporting on sustainable forest management (SFM) indicators according to the Canadian Council of Forest Minister's criteria for SFM. These criteria include:

- Conservation of Biological Diversity
- Forest Ecosystem Condition and Productivity
- Conservation of Soil and Water Resources
- Forest Ecosystem Contributions to Global Ecological Cycles
- Multiple Benefits to Society
- Accepting Society's Responsibility for Sustainable Development

Each year, the results of these criteria are evaluated and reported in our Annual Monitoring Report. The results help determine the achievements made and define the activities that will need to be implemented to reach the targets. Also, the mill has forest and chain-of-custody certifications with three different external forest management standards: Forest Stewardship Council®, (FSC®), Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®), and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC™).

## QUICK FACTS

**25 full-time employees  
& 400+ contractors**

The number employed  
by the Woodlands Unit

**520,000 hectares**  
*(over 2,000 square miles)*

The approximate amount of  
public land managed by Port  
Hawkesbury Paper through a  
Crown license agreement

**48%**

Percent of the managed Crown  
land set aside as protected area  
or left untouched

**Less than 1%**

Percent of average annual harvest  
on Port Hawkesbury Paper licensed  
Crown lands

**2.5 million**

The approximate number of native  
tree seedlings the mill plants annually

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## HIGH CONSERVATION VALUE FOREST MONITORING

The High Conservation Value Forest Monitoring (HCVF) program was developed as a requirement of the FSC Standard. All HCVF's are monitored and measured on an annual basis. There are distinct categories that define an area as having critical conservation significance:

- Forest areas that are globally, regionally and nationally significant
- Forest areas that are in, or contain, rare, threatened or endangered ecosystems
- Forest areas that provide basic services of nature in critical situations
- Forest areas fundamental to meeting basic needs of local communities

## SILVICULTURE

In addition to managing the reforestation of Crown managed land, the mill also acquires wood from private woodland owners. The mill encourages good stewardship practices, by providing silviculture services and training in sustainable forest management. The Woodlands Unit has also established a Sustainable Long-Term Forest Management Plan that is a joint effort between Port Hawkesbury Paper and the Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forestry. The plan covers a 100-year time horizon, adheres to the principles of adaptive forest management and continual improvement, and is audited both internally and through external third party agencies.

All reports and materials are available on our website:  
[www.porthawkesburypaper.com/sustainability](http://www.porthawkesburypaper.com/sustainability).



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**50%**

Percent of harvested wood from Crown managed lands

**50%**

Percent harvested wood from private woodland suppliers

**100%**

Percent of areas regenerated with new forests – either through natural regeneration or planting

**85%**

Percent of Port Hawkesbury Paper licensed land that is identified & managed as High Conservation Value Forest

**100 years**

Timeline for Port Hawkesbury Paper's long-term sustainable forest management plan

**Port Hawkesbury Paper**  
FSC, PEFC and SFI certified

