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The Young Forest Initiative, Rhode Island component of NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (for New England & New York State)

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Rhode Island Objectives:

- Increase the quantity and quality of young forest habitat in RI to meet the needs of at-risk wildlife species, with a focus on American Woodcock.

Approach:

- Encourage creation of young forest habitat to benefit American Woodcock and other wildlife.
- Use a woodcock model developed at URI to identify locations where creation of young forest habitat would offer the most benefits to woodcock in RI.
- Contact landowners to discuss the importance of creating young forest habitat, and inform them about the availability of NRCS financial support for wildlife habitat improvement.

Who Can Apply:

- Any landowner in RI interested in creating or maintaining young forest habitat for wildlife.
- The project supports a wide range of practices, including preparation of forest management plans, creation of early successional habitat, forest stand improvement, brush management, and treatment of invasives.

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