

Illinois' 176,000 private woodland owners, who control an estimated 82% of the state's 5.02 million acres of forestland, are the primary audience targeted by RREA funds. RREA funding is leveraged with additional funds from private gifts and funding from the state and we estimate these amounts equal \$50,000/yr.



Chris Evans, UI Extension forester, partnered with the IL Forestry Association to sponsor a forest management and timber harvest field tour in Johnson Co., IL.

### **Forest Management & Timber Tour:**

UI Extension forestry partnered with the Illinois Forestry Association to offer a field day that focused on timber harvesting and forest management. This field day was attended by landowners, consulting foresters, land managers, and local loggers. This forestry field day provided a unique opportunity to see a recent timber harvest and hear from both timber buyers, loggers, and landowners.



Jay Hayek, UI Extension forester, successfully graduates another group of SAWW training attendees in Pope Co., IL.

### **UI Extension Forestry Champions Chainsaw Safety throughout the State:**

UI Extension forester Jay Hayek is one of 11 chainsaw safety trainers in the Midwest certified through the Safety and Woods Worker (SAWW) training program. Mr. Hayek offers chainsaw safety training to landowners, farmers, undergraduate students, agencies, municipalities, NGOs, and natural resource specialists throughout the state.

*"I've been operating a chainsaw for 20+ years and this two-day training course was probably the smartest thing I've ever done!"* Participant from SAWW Levels 1-2 training (Mar. '19).

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