



Gutchess Lumber Timber Harvest near Lime Hollow Road

November 11-29, 2020

From November 11th – 29th, Gutchess Lumber will be harvesting trees in the forested lands near Lime Hollow Road. The purpose of this letter is to inform the public of their plans for this selective harvest and announce trail closures in the woodland areas between Gracie Road and Lime Hollow Road.

In December 2019, Gutchess Lumber finalized the sale of a 107 acre parcel of land along Lime Hollow Road to the Town of Cortlandville. The town was interested in acquiring this property to ensure the long-term protection of the watershed area surrounding one of its municipal wells. Gutchess Lumber felt strongly that this was an important goal to accomplish for the community and agreed to the sale. As part of the sale, Gutchess Lumber retained the timber rights on the property.

As a result of the rapid spread of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) throughout New York State and the catastrophic effects it has had on the ash population, Gutchess Lumber will conduct a timber harvest in the 107-acre parcel. A Gutchess Lumber forester has carefully selected and marked with a blue paint stripe at approximately four feet off the ground those trees that will be harvested. In addition to a salvage cut on ash trees, Gutchess Lumber will harvest trees that are financially mature and have obvious health issues or poor form. The goal of this selective harvest is to encourage and enhance the growth of trees that have the potential to mature into high quality logs and adjust overcrowding conditions in order to help the remaining trees reach optimal health and vigor.

The Gutchess Lumber Company is committed to partnering with the Lime Hollow Nature Center and our community in establishing this “Working Forest Model.” We hope to show that a properly managed forest can provide long term, sustainable benefits for the entire community including the following: growing high value hardwood trees, preserving forest health and vigor, protecting our watershed, improving wildlife habitat, offering multi-use recreational opportunities, and enhancing our local economy by creating employment opportunities.

Lime Hollow will announce trail closures and dates on our web page at www.limehollow.org, our e-newsletter and our Facebook page. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Andy Leonello, Land Manager/Forester from Gutchess Lumber at 607.756.0942 or Glenn Reisweber, Executive Director of the Lime Hollow Nature Center at 607.662.4632.