

# Barbara A. Breshock



Barbara Breshock was born October 15, 1957 in Youngstown, Ohio. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Forest Resource Management from West Virginia University in 1979. In November 1979, she was the first female professional forester hired by the West Virginia Division of Forestry.

She currently works as the Assistant State Forester for Stewardship and Landowner Assistance. She administers all federally funded and state-supported programs that provide forestry services to the landowners of WV. She also helps develop programs, coordinating staff,

and establishing work plans/goals which directs the activities of the landowner, assistant foresters, urban foresters and forest legacy forester.

Breshock has been actively involved in many organizations and held numerous leadership positions. She currently sits on the WV Society of American Foresters Executive committee. She is also a member of the Northeast Area Association of State Foresters (NAASF). Through the NAASF, she led the state land committee in development of best management practices for northern long-eared bats. In this effort, she worked with counter parts from other states in NLB's range to provide state foresters information to negotiate with USFWS regarding forestry/silvicultural practices.

Her leadership and involvement has not gone unnoticed. She was a District Forester of the Year and in 1996, named WV Division of Forestry Employee of the year. Her partnership activities on state forest land resulted in the WV DOF being presented the NWTf "Excellence in Agency Partnerships Award."

She is also involved in numerous community activities. She was a chairperson and a ten-year board member of Helping Hands, Inc., a non-profit food pantry and thrift store that provided other social services.

When she is not involved with forestry or taking part in community activities, she enjoys caring for stray animals, hunting, gardening and home improvement projects.

