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HeadWaters Land Conservancy!

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## A Christmas Tree Story

Every year we run into the same debate in our home: Real or artificial tree? We have done both in the past, but in the end what is the choice with the least environmental impact? If you ask a Forester the answer is a real tree, unless they are opposed to cleaning up needles! While the real tree requires more care than its artificial counterpart, it is the better choice for a number of reasons.

- A real tree comes from a local tree farm. Buying a real tree keeps small local businesses alive.
- Forests, Forests, Forests! Tree farms also provide forest habitat for wildlife. Some farms will even use sheep and other grazing animals for natural weeding and fertilization!
- The second life. A real tree's life does not have to end when the lights come down. They can become a home for winter birds in the yard. Some organizations will take them for wildlife habitat, while others will accept them for composting.

We also look forward to the tree farm experience, preferring the, "cut your own" option that is always a great adventure! Regardless of which type of tree you prefer, the impact a real tree has on the community and environment is priceless.

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