



This project will explore the feasibility of using small-scale harvesting and on-site processing of black locust to manufacture posts, poles, stakes and landscape timbers and will test the marketing of these materials for local use to farmers, gardeners, landscape businesses and retailers as a locally grown, locally manufactured, preservative-free alternative. Costs, efficiencies, logistics and methods will be studied and recorded to determine whether the local marketing of black locust products is sufficiently viable to support a small-scale harvesting and on-site processing operation using small size timber in limited volumes, as well as a market for the occasional delivery of black locust logs from traditional timber harvesting operations. As a part of this project a video record of small-scale harvesting and processing operations will be made for editing into an instructional DVD for landowners and individual forest practitioners.