

## **Common Ground Found? *Revisiting the Findings and Recommendations of the Northern Forest Lands Council***

**2013 Joint Winter Meeting of the New England and New York Society of American Foresters**

*Co-hosted by the Northeastern Forest Pest Council (NEFPC)*

January 29-February 1, 2013, at the Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga Springs, New York

**~ Schedule subject to change ~**

### **Tuesday, January 29, 2013**

- 12:00-8:00 pm Meeting Registration
- 1:00-6:00 pm NESAF Executive Committee Meetings
- 1:00-5:00 pm Pre-Meeting Training Session 1:  
**Leveraging Technology to Improve Accuracy and Efficiency in Forest Inventory**  
**By Brian Mitchell**, North American Sales Manager, Haglof, Inc.
- Pre-Meeting Training Session 2:  
**Expand Your Base! Turn the New Generation of Forest Owners into Your Clientele.** Leaders: **Michael J. Burns**, Program Resource Manager, American Tree Farm System with **Andrew Fast** and **Wendy Scribner**, UNH Cooperative Extension
- Pre-Meeting Session 3:  
**Project Learning Tree Workshop.** Leaders: **Project Learning Tree Personnel**, New York PLT and New England state PLT personnel
- 5:30-8:30 pm NYSAF Executive Committee Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 30, 2013**

- 7:30am-5:00pm Meeting Registration  
Before 9:00 am Breakfast On Your Own

#### **9:00-11:30 am Opening General Session**

- 9:00-9:30 am **Welcome and opening comments**, Kurt Zschau, NESAF Chair, Bruce Breitmeyer, NYSAF chair; Ed O'Leary and Mariann Johnston, Meeting General Chairs
- 9:30-11:30 am **Setting the Stage Part 1: Who is the modern-day forest landowner?** Stephen Long, co-founder and former editor of Northern Woodlands, and author, More than A Woodlot  
**History of the Northern Forest Effort: What was the Northern Forest Lands Council?** Charles Levesque, former Executive Director, Northern Forest Lands Council  
**Perspectives of NFLC Regional Representatives: How did it work and what has happened since?** John Harrigan, New England region and Robert Stegemann, New York region
- Setting the Stage Part 2: What is the current socio-economic framework for meeting the recommendations of the NFLC?**  
Bradford Gentry, Director, Berkley Conservation Program, Yale University on the Berkley 2012 Workshop: What do healthy rural economies look like in the US and how might conservation organizations help support them?

#### **11:30am-1:30 pm Box Lunch and concurrent working luncheon meetings:**

- NESAF Business Meeting
- NYSAF Business Meeting
- Student Luncheon Gathering & Discussion

#### **1:30-5:00 pm Wednesday Afternoon Concurrent Sessions**

*(with 3:00-3:30 refreshment break in Exhibit Hall)*

##### **Concurrent Session 1- Theme: Protecting Exceptional Resources**

- 1:30-3:00 pm Concurrent 1a: Protected Area Management
- The Finch land deal: NYSDEC and The Nature Conservancy collaboration to protect special areas and working forest in the Adirondack Park, Dirk Bryant, The Nature Conservancy and Tom Martin, NYSDEC

- Managing Moosehead Lake Conservation Easements, Steve Pollis, Resource Supervisor, Moosehead District of Plum Creek Timber Co. Maine
- The Conservation Land Category of Vermont's Use Value Appraisal Program, Nancy Patch, County Forester, VT Dept. Forest Parks and Rec

**3:00-3:30 pm Refreshment Break Courtesy of *LandVest*<sup>®</sup>**

**3:30-5:00 pm Concurrent 1b: Exceptional Resources Throughout Time: Dimensions of Northern Forest History**

- Using Land Records to Determine Composition and Structure of Pre-Settlement Forests, Charlie Cogbill, historical ecologist
- Paleo-Indians and Early Humans in the Northeast, Mark Dailey, Green Mountain College
- Devonian Era Forests from Fossil Evidence in Upstate New York, William Stein, SUNY-Binghamton

**Concurrent Session 2- Theme: Strengthening Economies of Rural Communities**

**1:30-3:00 pm Concurrent 2a: Forest Use & Dependence of Rural Communities**

- Historical relationship between the forest resource and local communities, Hugh Canham, emeritus professor, SUNY-ESF and historian, NYSAF
- Modern relationships between society and the forest resources: lessons and challenges, Joe Short, Program & Policy Director, Northern Forest Center
- Looking to the future: *speaker pending*

**3:30-5:00 pm Concurrent 2b: Encouraging Working Forests**

- Vermont Working Lands Enterprise Initiative, Michael Snyder, Commissioner, VT Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation
- What is New York doing to encourage working forests?, Phil Giltner, NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets
- Encouraging Forest Stewardship in the New York City Watershed, Joshua VanBrakle, Watershed Agricultural Council, Walton NY

**Concurrent Session 3- NYSAF & NESAF Graduate Student Research Presentations**

**1:30-3:00 pm Concurrent 3a: Graduate student presentations**

**3:30-5:00 pm Concurrent 3b: Graduate student presentations, continued**

**Concurrent Session 4- Northeastern Forest Pest Council**

**12:00-3:00 pm Concurrent 4a: NEFPC Gerald N. Lanier Student Forum**

**3:30-5:00 pm Concurrent 4b: U.S. Forest Service Pest Updates**

- Forest pests and latest findings, Mike Bohne
- White pine in the Northeast, Isabel Munck
- Emerald Ash Borer (SLAM), Nate Siegert
- Hemlock Woolly Adelgid work in the Catskills, Ryan Hanavan

**5:00-5:30 pm NEFPC business meeting**

**5:00-6:30 pm Poster Session, reception and cash bar**

**7:00-9:00 pm Student Quiz Bowl, we need pizza sponsors for this, please!**

**Thursday, January 31, 2013**

**7:30am-5:00pm Meeting Registration**

**Before 8:00 am Breakfast On Your Own**

**8:00-11:30 am Thursday Morning Concurrent Sessions**  
**(with 9:30-10:00 am refreshment break in Exhibit Hall)**

**Concurrent Session 5 a, b - Theme: Fostering Stewardship of Private Lands**

8:00-9:30 am Concurrent 5a: Encouraging and Maintaining Private Landowner Stewardship Practices

- Stewardship and interfamilial communication, Paul Catanzaro, University of Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Conservation,
- Taxes in the Northern Forest 20 years after the Northern Forest Lands Study, David Newman, SUNY-ESF
- How do local government ordinances impact timber harvesting, Robert Malmsheimer, Rene' Germain, and Whitney Forman-Cook, SUNY-ESF

10:00-11:30 Concurrent 5b: Conservation Easements Panel Session

Moderator: Lucas McKay, MF Student, Yale University

Introduction: history and scope of conservation efforts and conservation easements in New England and New York, by Moderator Lucas McKay, MF Student, Yale University  
Panelists: Experience & perspective on the successes and challenges of conservation easements:

- Tom Martin, Region 5 Natural Resources Supervisor, NYS DEC
- Sean Ross, Lyme Timber Company
- George Frame, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests

**Concurrent Session 6 a, b - Theme: Promoting More Informed Decisions**

8:00-9:30 am Concurrent 6a: Silviculture

- Updated Silviculture Guide, Bill Leak and Mariko Yamasaki, USDA Forest Service
- Input from the NESAF Silviculture Working Group, Si Balch, New England Forestry Foundation
- What We Really Need! Ralph Nyland, SUNY-ESF

10:00-11:30 Concurrent 6b: Encouraging and Maintaining Forest Sustainability

- Keeping Forests as Forests, Steve Sinclair, Director of Forests, VT Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation
- Conservation Buffers Guide: science-based guidelines and images as well as a description on how to use the guide to combine buffer functions such as water quality, biodiversity, soil protection, economics, etc., Richard Straight, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nebraska
- North Eastern State Foresters Association: Recommendations on biomass BMP's, Sloane Crawford, NYSDEC

**Concurrent Session 7 a, b - Current Issues**

8:00-9:30 am Concurrent 7a: Climate Change, Vulnerability and Adaptation

Moderator: Sandy Wilmot, Forest Health Specialist & Climate Change Coordinator, VT Dept. Forests, Parks & Recreation.

- Breaking news in climate change, Alan Betts, Atmospheric Research, Pittsford, VT
- Climate resiliency, Mark Anderson (tentative)
- Forest adaptation tools and approaches for land managers, Maria Janowiak, Scientist, Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science, Houghton, MI

10:00-11:30 Concurrent 7b: Forest Carbon and Carbon Management

Moderator: Sandy Wilmot, Forest Health Specialist & Climate Change Coordinator, Vermont Dept. Forests, Parks & Recreation.

- Managing forest carbon, Maria Janowiak, Scientist, Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science, Houghton, MI
- Research findings on forest carbon and ecosystem science, William Keeton, professor of Forest Ecology, Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
- Changes in forest carbon and nitrogen cycling due to insect and disease damage, Gary Lovett, Senior Scientist, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Milbrook, NY

**Concurrent Session 8 a, b - Northeastern Forest Pest Council Sessions**

8:00-9:30 am Concurrent 8a: NEFPC Sessions

- Business Meeting
- State and Province Updates (first half)

10:00-11:30 Concurrent 8b: NEFPC Sessions (tentative)

- State and Province Updates (second half)
- Canadian Forest Pest Reports

**11:30am-1:30 pm Awards Luncheon** (NEFPC members will depart to rejoin their session at 12:45)

**2:00-3:30 pm Thursday Afternoon Concurrent Sessions**

**Concurrent Session 5c- Theme: Fostering Stewardship of Private Lands continued**

2:00-3:30 pm Concurrent 5c: Engaging Landowners

- American Tree Farm System: A Landowner Engagement Strategy, Michael J. Burns, Program Resource Manager, American Tree Farm System
- Kennebec Woodland Partnership, Amanda Mahaffey, Northeast Region Director, Forest Guild
- *Title pending*, Brett Butler, US Forest Service Research, Amherst, MA

**Concurrent Session 6c- Theme: Promoting More Informed Decisions continued**

2:00-3:30 pm Concurrent 6c: Non-timber Forest Products

- Economics of managing maple trees for syrup or sawtimber production, Mike Farrell, Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Hardwood Silvopasture Management, Brett Chedzoy & Peter Smallidge; Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Sustainable harvesting of non-timber forest products; Jim Chamberlain, USFS, Blacksburg VA

**Concurrent Session 7c- Current Issues continued**

2:00-3:30 pm Concurrent 7c: Urban Forestry

- Community preparedness for invasive pests and engaging citizen scientists, Danielle Fitzko, Vermont's Urban & Community Forester
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts' response to ALB outbreak, Eric Seaborn, Acting Urban Forestry Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Utilization efforts that communities in the Lake States initiated to deal with EAB-killed ash, Ed Cesa, Wood Education and Resources Center, USDA Forest Service, West Virginia

**Concurrent Session 8c- Northeastern Forest Pest Council continued**

12:45- NEFPC Meeting Continues

- 1:45 pm
- NEFPC Student Awards and 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration of NEFPC
  - Invasives: A Success Story, Hilary Smith, Director, Adirondack Park Invasives Program

2:00-3:30 pm Concurrent 8c: Breaking News

- APHIS current efforts (Quarantines, protocols), Diana Hoffman, APHIS
- Insect traps – what are they all and how do they work?, Kevin Dodds/Melody Keena

**3:30-4:00 pm Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall**

**3:50 pm Final Bids Due for Development Fund Silent Auction. Bid early, bid often!**

**4:00-5:00 pm Capstone General Session: Charting The Future**

Interactive session summarizing what we've learned during this meeting, What's our common goal, what can we take home to work on for the future? Facilitator: Mark Twery, USDA Forest Service; assisted by Janice Mulherin, USDA Forest Service

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**5:15-6:00 pm NESAF Working Groups, NYSAF Chapter Meetings**

**6:00-8:00 pm Alumni Socials (organized by respective colleges)**

**8:00-9:00 pm Acoustic Jam Session (pending)**

### **Friday, February 1, 2013**

*Before 8:00 am Breakfast On Your Own*

**8:00 am- noon Friday Morning Workshops** (with mid-morning refreshment break pending sponsorship)

Workshop Option 1: **Becoming a Forestry Technical Service Provider: Help your clients access USDA services and resources**, by national/local staff, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Workshop Option 2: **Strategies for Effectively Communicating about the Management of Young Forests**. Attaining the young forest habitat goals that have been established in many state, regional, and national conservation plans will require the support of landowners, the general public, agencies and non-governmental organizations. Attaining that support will require us to become more effective communicators about the benefits of these habitats to wildlife. Attend this session and learn how to become a more effective communicator. **Presenters: Shorna B. Allred**, Cornell University, **Jim Oehler**, State Lands Habitat Biologist, NH Fish & Game Department, **Tom Nardacci**, President, Gramercy Communications, **Neil Gifford**, Conservation Director, Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission

Workshop Option 3: **Finch Paper LLC Mill Tour**, by Leonard Cronin, CF, Regional Manager, Finch Forest Management

Workshop Option 4: **iMap Invasives Training**, by Brent Kinal and/or Jenifer Dean, New York Natural Heritage Program. Do you know where to find up-to-date maps of invasive species sweeping across New York, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Vermont? Have you seen a new infestation but don't know where to report it? New York Natural Heritage Program personnel will train workshop attendees in the online iMapInvasives program to report and map invasive species. The publicly available maps serve as an important tool for land managers, conservation agencies, and municipalities to support management, awareness and rapid response to prevent the spread of aquatic and terrestrial invasive animals, plants and insect species. Anyone with basic computer skills can learn how to use the program and begin reporting invasive species. States in our area that are currently participating in the iMap program include NY, NH, PA and VT, so this workshop will be of most interest to persons working in those regions.

Workshop Option 5: **American Tree Farm System Inspector Training** This workshop is for forest resource managers interested in becoming certified Tree Farm Inspectors or for Inspectors who need a refresher. When you volunteer with ATFS, you ensure the American Forest Foundation's (AFF) Standards of Sustainability for forest certification are met by Tree Farmers. By working together, ATFS can make a significant contribution to the health, productivity and longevity of America's private woodlands and you can too! **Presenters: Erin O'Neill**, Finch Forest Management and **Michael J. Burns**, Program Resource Manager, American Tree Farm System

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