



## **Cornell Cooperative Extension Allegany County**

### **27<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Landowner Workshop**

Held at: Pioneer Central School, County Line Rd.  
Yorkshire, NY

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**

**Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.**

**Refreshments/Exhibits in Cafeteria**



**Opening Session - Academic Room: 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

**Woodlot Regeneration: Strategies to Grow Trees and Limit Deer Impacts.** Deer and interfering vegetation are the primary barriers to successful regeneration of your woods. This presentation will discuss the ecological features necessary for regeneration, the reasons to be concerned, likely causes of problems, silvicultural systems for regeneration and strategies to limit the barriers. Special attention will be given to a new technology developed at Cornell's Arnot Forest, slash walls. Presented by Peter Smallidge, Department of Natural Resources, Cornell University and co-authored by Brett Chedzoy, Regional Extension Forester Schuyler County

**10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSION I (*PICK ONE*)**

**Ecology and Management of American Beech, Peter Smallidge, Department of Natural Resources, Cornell University.** American beech is a native and common species in the Northeast. It held a desirable place of prominence as a source of timber, fuel, and wildlife food. However, beech bark disease changed the opportunities with beech, and with deer abundance beech has become for many woodlot owners and managers a scourge. Learn about the variety of strategies available to help woodland owners, foresters and forest practitioners control American Beech in their woodlots. New research data on herbicide and organic controls will be presented. Depending on the abundance of beech as seedlings, saplings, or pole-sized and larger stems, herbicides or organic treatments might help reduce the dominance of this potentially interfering species.

**Birds and Invasives. Andrea Locke, WNY PRISM Coordinator.** Birds and invasive species have a complicated relationship. Not only are some birds actually invasive, but many invasive species have significant negative impacts on the native birds we love to see in our backyards and forests, even those once planted because they were believed to be good for birds. This session will cover both invasive birds and how invasive species impact birds, as well as provide ways improve management to benefit birds and your property as a whole.

**Black Bears and Citizen Science in New York, Catherine Sun, Graduate Student Cornell Department of Natural Resources.** Black bear populations in New York have been growing and their ranges have been expanding the last 30 years. Learn about their biology, ecology, and ways that the public can contribute to ongoing bear research and management.

**LUNCH 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

## **12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSION II (PICK ONE)**

### **Are You Growing Your Best Timber? Peter Smallidge, Department of Natural Resources, Cornell University.**

For some woodland owners timber management is a high priority of ownership, and most owners recognize there is some value in their timber. Ultimately, most woodlots are eventually harvested. Many activities by woodland owners influence timber volume and value. Timber is an asset to the owner, and can accumulate significant value if managed appropriately. This webinar will cover some of the core strategies to increase the volume and value of timber on private woodlands. Also, the webinar will discuss a new initiative called the *Timber Growing Contest*. The Timber Growing Contest is a friendly competition where woodland owners throughout the Northeast learn to measure the growth of their forest trees to learn more about timber volume and value. Foresters would often be involved in the contest with their clients to assist with the measurements and management. The Timber Growing Contest is part of the Restore New York Woodlands Initiative and is coordinated by the NY Forest Owners Association and Cornell's ForestConnect program.

**Introduction to Site-Weed Management Planning, Andrea Locke, WNY PRISM Coordinator.** Invasive species management is complex and too often we find ourselves making little progress year after year. Strategic planning can help you avoid pitfalls that lead to unsuccessful removal efforts. This session will walk through the basics of developing an invasive species management plan for your property including how to identify goals, what steps to take and how to prioritize action.

### **Chasing Ciscoes: Native Fish Restoration in New York, Ellen George, PhD Candidate Cornell Department of Natural Resources.**

Cisco, also known as lake herring, used to be one of the biggest commercial fisheries in upstate New York before the fishery collapsed in the early 1900s. You have probably never seen one, unless you've been lucky enough to come across a cisco while ice fishing on Lake Ontario. Today cisco are coming back, part of a growing movement to restore native fish to Great Lakes and Finger Lakes food webs. Learn about New York's favorite forgotten fish, and what we are doing to help restore them in New York.

## **1:55 p.m. - 2:55 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSION III (PICK ONE)**

**Spotted Lanternfly. Chris Enser – Senior Forester with DEC as Private Lands Forester.** The latest Invasive coming your way! See how this Invasive insect can affect your Agricultural, Forests and Recreation activities!!!

**Establishing a Successful Wildlife Food Plot. Spenser Howden, Agriculture Educator, CCE Allegany County.** Taking on the challenge of starting a food plot for white-tailed deer, or other wildlife, can be a costly endeavor. With proper planning, installation, and maintenance of these new plots we can ensure that our valuable time, and hard earned money don't go to waste. This presentation will go over the basics of getting started, some common plants used, and how to keep plots thriving.

**Land As Your Legacy. Benjamin Hollamby, Hollamby Agency.** Nationwide's Land As Your Legacy program helps provide security to families engaged in the agricultural community so that the land and businesses that you have worked for generations will be preserved and remain a legacy for generations to come.

**3:00 PM - NYFOA Membership Drawing – Cafeteria**

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Registration Form - **Please mail back this entire form with payment - thank you!** In order to help us estimate class interest, please choose one topic (per person) in each concurrent session by placing a check for each person next to the number of the class in each of the three sessions.

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- ☐ 2. Birds and Invasives
- ☐ 3. Black Bears and Citizen Science in New York

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- ☐ 3. Chasing Ciscos

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**Early Bird Registration deadline: Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** Cost: \$30.00 per person; this includes lunch, a copy of the seminar proceedings, and all handout materials. **No Refunds. No Walk-Ins Please.**  
*Fill in registration information below including checked class selections above:*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Late fee (if received after February 18<sup>th</sup>):** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CCE – Allegany County.***

Return Registration Form with your payment to:

Cornell Cooperative Extension, 5435A County Rd 48, Belmont, NY 14813, Attn: RLOW

Thank You!