

Cornell Cooperative Extension Allegany County

28th Annual Rural Landowner Workshop

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



Saturday, March 7, 2020

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Refreshments/Exhibits in Cafeteria



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

"Don't Get Ticked, NY". Dr. Amara Dunn, Biocontrol Specialist NYS IPM Program. Lyme disease and several other devastating tick-borne diseases are on the rise due to an increase in the prevalence of ticks. Learn how to reduce the risk of human-tick encounters so that you can keep enjoying the outdoors!

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

Best Practices on a Small Wooded Acreage. Peter Smallidge, Department of Natural Resources, Cornell University. Many woodland owners have parcels that are “small” compared to other owners. These parcels are endearing to the owners, and provide many opportunities for activities to ensure they remain healthy and support the owner’s interests. This presentation will cover several simple and basic actions that owners can take to be active in the woods and enjoy the land to its fullest extent.

Invasives Species: Update on Early Detection Priorities. Andrea Locke, WNY PRISM Coordinator.

Invasive species are most effectively managed when they are present in low numbers and WNY PRISM works with partners across the state to address these emerging threats. This session will include an update on management progress for early detection priority species including hemlock woolly adelgid, spotted lanternfly, Hydrilla, Japanese stiltgrass, mile-a-minute and slender false brome, introduce new threats to be on the look-out for, and provide information on how landowners can help manage these species.

More Bees Please. Shanna Shaw NRCS Area Resource Conservationist. Introductory topics include the principles of pollinators, the benefits of insect pollination, and evaluating pollinator habitat. Main focus will be management practices for pollinator protection, pollinator habitat restoration, selection of plants for pollinator enhancement sites, and how pollinator conservation is incorporated into federal conservation programs.

LUNCH 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

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

Slash Walls Protect Seedlings from Deer. Peter Smallidge, Department of Natural Resources, Cornell University. Hardwood forest regeneration in New York and much of the Northeast is limited by excessive deer browsing and interference with undesirable hardwood saplings. Starting in 2016, slash walls have been prescribed for seed tree and shelterwood regeneration harvests at the Cornell University Arnot Forest. Slash walls have been completed on 9 harvests with total perimeter exceeding 25,000 ft. This presentation will review issues of forest regeneration, and details of slash walls that include: construction, logistics, costs, effectiveness and related factors.

An Introduction to iMapInvasives, Emily Thiel, WNY PRISM Education and Outreach Program

Manager. Come learn how to use iMapInvasives, an online mapping tool that can help you visualize the presence and distribution of invasive species on your land. iMapInvasives makes it easy to map invasive species, track management activities and stay aware of new invasive species in your area, all while maintaining the ability to remain confidential. We will cover both the mobile app and how to access the information from a desktop computer, as well as some basic invasive species identification for common species in WNY

From Rags to Riches - a story of forest rehabilitation. Craig Vollmer - Certified Forester, Certified

Arborist FORECON, Inc. After making a bad decision to let their property be logged indiscriminately, the Jones brothers, realizing their mistake, set out on a new path to rehabilitate and improve their woods so it would be a legacy for their family. Across 30 decades of intensive multigenerational forest management that goal has been successfully achieved. This presentation will share the story of their mistake, the actions they took, and how their forest has again become a productive valuable timber and recreational asset for their family.

AVID – A Deer Impact Assessment Tool for Landowners. Kristi Sullivan, Cornell University, Dept. of Natural Resources, Conservation Program Coordinator.

AVID is a method for volunteers, foresters, landowners and others to Assess the Vegetation for Impacts from Deer. Wildflowers and/or tree seedlings are selected and measured each year for several years to evaluate the impact of deer browsing. Field data collected by individuals across New York State will be used to track tree, shrub and wildflower response to deer browsing over time. Learn how you can get involved and assess impacts on your land.

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

Crop Tree Management; A Forest Stewards guide to decision making in their forest. Barry Cunningham,

Consulting Forester FORECON, Inc. Participants will review the history of Crop Tree Management and its effectiveness in the non-industrial forest owner's decision making.

Aquatic Invaders and How They Impact Your Property. Kristin King, Aquatic Invasive Species Program

Manager, WNY PRISM. Aquatic invasive species can reduce the overall health of an ecosystem and decrease property values. These species are often difficult and expensive to manage, in this session learn how to identify these costly species and prevent them from taking over your waterways. In addition, learn about local initiatives created to manage these species and how you can help.

The ‘Why’ and ‘How’ of Creating Habitat for Pollinators. Kristi Sullivan, Cornell University, Dept. of Natural Resources, Conservation Program Coordinator.

Pollinators are animals (mostly insects) that fertilize plants, resulting in seeds and fruit. Three quarters of our major food crops, and 85 percent of native plants, require this type of pollination. World-wide, pollinator populations are shrinking. Bee keepers have lost about 30% of their colonies every year since 2006. There is evidence that populations of some species of native pollinators – bees, flies, beetles, and butterflies – are declining as well. Find out why native pollinators are declining, and steps you can take around your home, and in your fields and forests, to benefit these important species. You may be rewarded with better crop or garden production, or a field full of butterflies on a warm summer day!

3:00 PM - NYFOA Membership Drawing – Cafeteria