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Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Implementation Committee (SIC)

NEWS

PA SFI Continues to March On

All in all, 2012 was another good year for the PA SFI program. We didn't shatter any records, but we achieved most of our program goals and did a solid job of delivering another year of training, outreach, and support to Pennsylvania's forestry community. We continued to retool the program to maximize the benefits and services we provide to you, using the financial resources available. Despite some downtime last summer with the changeover in the Program Manager position, we still managed to participate in outreach events and be involved with various forest stakeholder organizations. Our program continues to be guided by an outstanding SIC, made up of knowledgeable and dedicated individuals who, in addition to their regular day-to-day duties, make the commitment to show up to meetings, support the program, and contribute their valuable input.

At the beginning of 2012 we initiated our new core training requirements, and I received a lot of positive feedback. The new Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials core course seems to have something for everyone and generated good discussions. The workshops offered an excellent opportunity for more experienced participants to convey their own knowledge and experiences to newer individuals. I also received a number of positive comments from folks who participated in a Game of Logging 1 course for the first time last year, including many veteran loggers. The competitive aspect of the training really seems to jibe well with the competitive nature of Pennsylvania timber harvesters.

In 2012, participants collectively engaged in 5,000 hours of PA SFI training. A summary of the 2012 training results can be found on page 3. I want to thank everyone who participated, and congratulate the 78 individuals that completed their core training requirements and received a PA SFI Training Card.

I also want to note that at the end of last year, 171 training cards had expired. Is yours one of them? If so, I hope to see you at one of our courses this spring. A copy of the training schedule and registration form has been included with this newsletter.

This will be the last year that you can attend either the Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials or Game of Logging 1 course for continuing education credits, so I recommend you take advantage of that opportunity while it is available. If you took Game of Logging 1 last year I would encourage you to participate in one of the Game of Logging 2 courses being offered this spring.

I would also encourage you to contact me if you have any suggestions for training courses or locations that you would like to see included in this fall's training block.

Lastly, if you are in need of training outside the PA SFI training blocks you should take a look at our new "blog" that advertises non-SFI courses that have been pre-approved for PA SFI C.E. credit (see article on page 4).

Of course, we owe a great deal of gratitude for the financial contributions and support provided by our Program Participants, Partners, and Supporters in 2012. Contributor support is critical to (Continued on next page)



The PA SFI office has recently moved and our contact information has been updated. The new contact information is listed at the bottom left corner of this page. Please be sure to update your address book.

Visit PA SFI online:
www.sfiopa.org



Have a smart phone? You can instantly access the PA SFI website on your phone by scanning the Quick Response (QR) code to the right using a QR code reader app like *RedLaser* or *QR Droid*. Check it out!

Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI®)

SFI Inc. (www.sfiprogram.org) is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, and is solely responsible for maintaining, overseeing and improving the internationally recognized Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) program. Over two hundred million acres (81 million hectares) are certified to the SFI forest management standard, making it the largest single forest standard in the world. SFI chain-of-custody certification tells buyers the percentage of fiber from certified forests, certified sourcing and/or post-consumer recycled content. The SFI program's unique fiber sourcing requirements promote responsible forest management on all suppliers' lands. SFI Inc. is governed by a three-chamber board of directors representing environmental, social and economic sectors equally. In order to broaden the practice of sustainable forestry in our state, the PA SFI Implementation Committee was formed in 1995. Today, the PA SFI® program works to ensure the progress of the national initiative and advance sustainable forestry practices, here in Pennsylvania.

SFI, Inc. Program Participants Supporting PA SFI

These PA Companies are affiliated with the SFI® Program at the national level through independent third-party certification and provide direct involvement and financial support to the PA SFI® Program.

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our efforts to educate loggers and promote sustainable forest management practices in Pennsylvania. This year it is my hope that more entities will begin to step up and join the small number of dedicated companies that have historically borne the cost of supporting PA SFI programming that benefits the entire forestry sector. If you were previously a program Partner or Supporter, or are interested in becoming one, we would be happy to discuss what involvement with the program can mean to you.

Looking ahead to this year, the PA SFI we will be involved in the 2013 Private Forest Landowners Conference at the Blair County Convention Center on May 10th and 11th, as well as the 2013 Pa Timber Show (see page 4 for more details). This summer we will also be developing a new training course page on our website that will allow individuals to register and pay for PA SFI training courses online using a credit card. We hope this new service will provide a more convenient option for individuals participating in this fall's training block.

So as the PA SFI program continues to march on into 2013, I look forward to the many opportunities that lie ahead of us. The SFI program, both at the national level and here in Pennsylvania, remains focused on our core mission of sustaining the forest resource for the benefit of current and future generations, and we are determined to continue growing and progressing through the years ahead.

Chuck Coup
Program Manager

DEP Again Confirms Success of Best Management Practices

The Pennsylvania DEP recently released the *2012 Pennsylvania Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report*, which they are required to submit to the U.S. EPA on a biennial basis. The report provides information on the quality of Pennsylvania's water resources and identifies the source of water quality impairments throughout the state.

As with previous reports, the 2012 report again demonstrates the effectiveness of the state forestry BMPs taught by PA SFI and the overall negligible negative impact that careful logging practices have on water quality.

Of the 16,599 miles of streams in Pennsylvania that do not meet water quality standards, only 19 miles are attributed to silviculture and 2 miles are attributed to forest roads.

This means that that less than 0.13% (thirteen one-hundredths of a percent) of

the state's impaired stream miles are attributed to forestry activities.

Of the 35 contributing sources tracked by DEP, silviculture ranks 28th and logging roads rank second to last. Compare this to agriculture and mine drainage which top the list and contribute a combined 68% (34% each) of the total impaired miles across the state. Even "Natural Sources" are listed as the cause of impairment for 131 more miles than silviculture and forest roads combined.

The moral of this story is that BMPs are working to protect Pennsylvania's water resources, and it is a testament to the vigilant efforts of timber harvesting professionals and landowners across Pennsylvania that are implementing these practices. Let's continue to protect our water resources and demonstrate to the DEP and EPA that Pennsylvania Timber Harvesters know how to operate in an efficient, economical, and environmental manner.

A copy of the report can be found on the PA SFI website under "Publications."

PA SFI® SIC Program Partners

Program Partners are committed to the SFI® Standards and pledge a set contribution annually based on mill production from PA forest resources.

- Appleton Papers, Inc.
- Blue Ox Timber Resources
- Brode Lumber Company
- Craftmaster Manufacturing, Inc.
- D&D Wood Sales
- Deer Park Lumber
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Program Supporters help to promote sustainable forestry practices and pledge meaningful contributions to the PA SFI program.

- Bingaman & Son Lumber
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- Cummings Lumber Co, Inc.
- Hobbess Forestry Services
- Horizon Wood Products, Inc.
- Keystone Chipping, Inc.
- P & S Lumber Company
- W.J. Cox Associates

2012 A Banner Year for SFI Inc.

At the close of 2012, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI Inc.) set a new record that reinforces its title as the largest single forest certification standard in the world. "With 200 million acres now certified to the SFI forest management standard, which is roughly the size of California and Newfoundland/Labrador combined, we know we are influencing responsible forestry on a significant scale," SFI Inc. president and CEO Kathy Abusow stated in a press release. During 2012, SFI received 6,000 requests from companies, agencies, and conservation groups to use the SFI on-product label. Abusow notes that six years ago, SFI was receiving fewer than a dozen such requests annually.

In addition to these impressive figures, SFI also launched the Forest Partners Program with 4 major North American publishing companies. The program aims to make certification more efficient and accessible and has a goal of certifying an additional 5 million acres to the 2010 - 2014 standard (10 million by 2017). It will also seek to certify more small and medium-sized mills to SFI certified sourcing or chain-of-custody certification.

Last year also marked the third year of the SFI Conservation and Community Partnerships grant program, which kicked off in 2010 with \$400,000. Three years later, \$4.8 million has been invested by SFI and its conservation and research partners into these grant projects. Water was the focus of the 2012 grants receiving funding.

In 2012 SFI also established an MOU with the Boy Scouts of America and continued to fight for SFI's inclusion into the USGBC's LEED rating system. The press release noted that the number of U.S. Congressmen and Governors supporting the LEED green building standard's acceptance of the SFI standard has grown to 105.

2012 PA SFI® In Review

2012 Training Results	Actual	Goal
Individuals that completed core training and received PA SFI Training Cards	78	50
Individuals that attended one or more trainings	640	800
Training units recorded (total # of course attendees)	908	900
Training programs conducted	44	50
Individuals that hold current PA SFI Training Cards (12/11/12)	686	

- Zero inconsistent practices reported (3rd year in a row).
- Successfully implemented revisions to the Training Program Policy and Core Training Requirements.
- Continued working with numerous forest stakeholder organizations, and participated in outreach events.
- Administered the program well within the approved 2012 operating budget.
- Hired a new Program Manager

The "List"

As a forester or forest landowner, do you know if your logger has participated in PA SFI® Professional Timber Harvester Training? If you are a logger, do you know if your training card is current? You can find out by visiting the PA SFI Logger Training webpage and reviewing the *Current Cardholders* list. The report includes the training card expiration year and total number of training hours completed by each individual. Smart phone users can scan this QR code to bring up the list or use the following link:



<http://www.sfi ofpa.org/current>

Individuals with training cards that expired within the last 5 years are included on the *Expired Cardholders* list.

<http://www.sfi ofpa.org/expired>



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Timber 2013 - June 7 & 8

The Timber 2013 Forest Products Equipment and Technology Exposition will be held Friday June 7 & Saturday June 8 at the Ag Progress Days site near State College.

This biennial event is the largest forest product equipment show in the state, with up to 100 exhibitors expected. The show features in-the-woods equipment demonstrations, a skidder drive area, grinder & chippers demos, and educational workshops. Entertainment includes Penn State Woodsmen's Team and chainsaw carving.

Each day of the show, a PA SFI CE Update Course will be held providing one year of PA SFI continuing education credit. The course is free, but a \$20 administrative fee is required to register the credits. See the PA SFI 2013 Spring Training Form for course and registration details.

Timber 2013 is co-hosted by the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association and Penn State. Timber 2013 primary sponsors include AgChoice Farm Credit, Foster F. Wineland/John Deere, Keystone Wood Products Association, Pendu, and Taylor Machine Works Inc.

For more information visit the Timber 2013 website:
<http://agsci.psu.edu/timber>

Additional Training Opportunities Available

The PA SFI website has a new "blog" that advertises Continuing Education (C.E.) opportunities that are available outside the PA SFI program. The blog lists trainings in chronological order and can be searched by region to help individuals find local training events. There is even a "How To" page for folks that are unfamiliar with internet blogs. The blog can be found through the "Logger Training" page on the PA SFI website, or by visiting www.sfiopa.blogspot.com.

This new service is intended to help timber harvesters find additional C.E. opportunities, and to assist various organizations interested in advertising their trainings to the logging community. Each training listed on the blog has been approved for some number of C.E. credits and information on how to apply for those credits is included. Individuals who are interested in advertising their training event on the blog should contact the PA SFI office.



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Professional Timber Harvester Training Program

2013 Spring Training Schedule

To avoid course cancellations, pre-registration and payment for all classes is required by the registration deadline.

CORE TRAINING :

Individuals must complete **Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials**, **Game of Logging - Level 1**, and provide proof of current **First Aid/CPR** certification within a 2-year period to receive a PA SFI® Training Card. See the complete PA SFI® Training Program Policy at www.sfiopa.org.

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost	Register By
03/19/13 Tues	9:00 a.m.	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Johnsonburg	\$ 65.00	March 12 th
03/23/13 Sat	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Brickerville	\$ 90.00	March 16 th
03/26/13 Tues	8:00 a.m.	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Williamsport	\$ 90.00	March 19 th
03/27/13 Wed	8:00 a.m.	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Penfield	\$ 85.00	March 20 th
03/28/13 Thurs	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Penfield	\$ 90.00	March 21 st
04/03/13 Wed	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Swiftwater	\$ 90.00	March 27 th
04/04/13 Thurs	8:00 a.m.	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Swiftwater	\$ 85.00	March 28 th
04/05/13 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Swiftwater	\$ 65.00	March 29 th
04/10/13 Wed	8:00 a.m.	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Emporium	\$ 85.00	April 3 rd
04/11/13 Thurs	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Emporium	\$ 90.00	April 4 th
04/23/13 Tues	9:00 a.m.	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Johnsonburg	\$ 65.00	April 16 th
04/24/13 Wed	8:00 a.m.	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Jersey Shore	\$ 85.00	April 17 th
05/07/13 Tues	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Warriors Mark	\$ 90.00	April 30 th
05/08/13 Wed	8:00 a.m.	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Warriors Mark	\$ 85.00	May 1 st
05/09/13 Thurs	8:00 a.m.	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Warriors Mark	\$ 65.00	May 2 nd
All Year		Basic First Aid & Adult CPR can be taken locally through the Red Cross. Visit www.redcross.org or call your local office for class listings and to register.			

- ❖ Individuals insured through Eastern Forestry Insurance Group can have the \$90 registration fee for GOL classes paid by WJ Cox Insurance. Please submit proof of insurance with your registration form.
- ❖ Northern Tier Hardwood Association Members can apply for a 50% reimbursement of registration costs after completing courses. Contact NTHA at 570-265-7753.

CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING :

One (1) year of CE credit is given for each four (4) hours of training. See the complete PA SFI® Training Program Policy at www.sfiopa.org.

- If you have or have had a valid PA SFI® Training Card in the last 5 years, you can attend a Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials class for CE Credit (see Core training schedule above).
- If you have not taken Game of Logging – Level 1 within the last 5 years, you can attend a Game of Logging – Level 1 class for CE Credit (see Core training schedule above).

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost	Register By
03/22/13 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)	Brickerville	\$ 90.00	March 15 th
03/26/13 Tues	9:00 a.m.	Wildlife – Young Forest Initiative (4 hours)	Drums	\$ 75.00	March 19 th
03/29/13 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)	Penfield	\$ 90.00	March 22 nd
04/02/13 Tues	3:00 p.m.	Kane Area Loggers Safety Meeting Course (4 hours)	Johnsonburg	\$ 20.00	March 26 th
04/11/13 Thurs	8:30 a.m.	Erosion & Sed. Control in a Forest Setting (8 hours)	Port Allegany	\$ 20.00	April 4 th
04/16/13 Tues	9:00 a.m.	Wildlife – Young Forest Initiative (4 hours)	Washingtonville	\$ 75.00	April 9 th
04/26/13 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)	Jersey Shore	\$ 90.00	April 19 th
04/30/13 Tues	8:00 a.m.	Risk Management (4 hours)	Laporte	\$ 50.00	April 23 rd
05/01/13 Wed	8:00 a.m.	Risk Management (4 hours)	Ebensburg	\$ 50.00	April 24 th
05/02/13 Thurs	8:00 a.m.	Risk Management (4 hours)	Clarion	\$ 50.00	April 25 th
05/07/13 Tues	9:00 a.m.	Wildlife – Young Forest Initiative (4 hours)	Howard	\$ 75.00	April 30 th
05/18/13 Sat	8:00 a.m.	Forest Management (8 hours)	Huntingdon	\$ 75.00	May 11 th
06/07/13 Fri	1:00 p.m.	2013 CE Update (4 hours) – Timber 2013	Pennsylvania Furnace	\$ 20.00	May 31 st
06/08/13 Sat	9:30 a.m.	2013 CE Update (4 hours) – Timber 2013	Pennsylvania Furnace	\$ 20.00	June 1 st

- ❖ Individuals insured through Eastern Forestry Insurance Group can have the \$90 registration fee for GOL classes paid by WJ Cox Insurance. Please submit proof of insurance with your registration form.
- ❖ Northern Tier Hardwood Association Members can apply for a 50% reimbursement of registration costs after completing courses. Contact NTHA at 570-265-7753.

OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING : (visit <http://sfiopa.blogspot.com>)

The following events are organized by outside groups, and qualify for CE credit. Participants wanting CE credit must submit proof of course attendance and a check for \$20 made payable to PA SFI® SIC for administrative costs. Contact the course sponsor to register.

Course Date	Time	Course Name	Location	Cost	Register By
03/06/13 Wed		ESM Dirt and Gravel Roads Workshop (8 hours) - Veterans Memorial, Port Allegany PA. \$15 registration. Contact McKean County Conservation District (814) 887-4001			
03/13/13 Wed		19th Annual NE Regional Contractors & Engineers Workshop (4 hours) - Keystone College, La Plume PA. \$10 registration. Contact Wyoming County Conservation District (570) 836-2589			
04/11/13 Thurs		Roach Bauer Forestry Forum (1 hour): The Changing Direction of the Regional Forest Products Industry - Kane Country Club. 5:30 p.m. \$24 registration. Contact Ned Karger: nkarger@collinsco.com , (814) 837-0121			
05/10/13 & 05/11/13		2013 Private Forest Landowners Conference: The Future of Penn's Woods - CE credits available for approved conference sessions. Blair County Convention Center, Altoona PA. \$75 registration. Contact Allyson Muth, abm173@psu.edu (814) 865-3208 http://ecosystems.psu.edu/private-forest-conference			
All Year		Visit http://sfiopa.blogspot.com/ for a list of non-SFI trainings that have been pre-approved for PA SFI CE credit.			
All Year		Visit http://extension.psu.edu/private-forests/events for various training opportunities or call your local PSU Ext. Office. Courses must be approved by PA SFI to receive credit.			
All Year		Game of Logging Training - Contact Kevin Snyder Logging, Pleasantville, PA (814) 589-5231 for GOL training opportunities.			
All Year		Visit http://nrnext.cas.psu.edu/PAForestWeb/ - PA Forest Web Seminars - Live Broadcasts only - Contact the PA SFI office for more details.			

- ❖ Northern Tier Hardwood Association Members can apply for a 50% reimbursement of registration costs after completing courses. Contact NTHA at 570-265-7753.

Visit www.sfiopa.org for the most current training schedule. Programs may be added or cancelled at any time.
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Professional Timber Harvester Training program

2013 Spring Course Registration Form

- Registration fees are **non-refundable** after the course registration deadline if the course is held and you do not attend.
- Courses may be cancelled if a minimum number of students are not registered by the registration deadline. Please register on time.
- For a full description of the PA SFI® Training Policies, please visit www.sfi ofpa.org or contact the PA SFI® office.

ATTENDEE	COURSE DATE	COURSE NAME	COURSE LOCATION	COST
<i>(Please Print Clearly / One Course Participant Per Form)</i>				
Name: (Full First, Middle Initial, Last)				
Home Mailing Address:				
Home Phone: () _____ - _____				
Email:				
Make checks payable to "PA SFI SIC"		Phone: (814) 355-1010 Toll free: (888) 734-9366 Fax: (814) 355-1022 Email: pasfi@sfi ofpa.org Web: www.sfi ofpa.org	Total Amount Enclosed:	
Mail to: Pennsylvania SFI, State Implementation Committee 211 Barrington Lane Bellefonte, PA 16823				

2013 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CORE TRAINING:

Required to receive a PA SFI® Training Card. All 3 requirements must be completed within 2 years in order to receive a PA SFI® Training Card.

- **Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)** – Part one focuses on recognizing and negating hazards that timber harvesting operations encounter daily. It includes modules covering equipment safety, truck safety and an overview of OSHA regulations applicable to logging. Part 2 focuses on the Erosion & Sediment Pollution Control Plan required by Chapter 102, understanding Pennsylvania’s Clean Streams Laws, permits a logger may need when working near streams and wetlands, Best Management Practices (BMPs), and the importance of harvesting aesthetics, job layout, and planning.
- **Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)** - focuses on introducing the participant to the “open face” felling technique and the development of skills to safely use it. Topics covered include personal protective equipment, chainsaw safety features, chainsaw reactive forces, bore cutting, pre-planning the fell, and understanding hinge wood strength.
- **First Aid/CPR (4 hours)** - The focus of this program is on First Aid and Adult CPR training that meets OSHA Logging requirements and American Red Cross (or equivalent) certification. Training can also be taken locally through the Red Cross, EMS, Hospital, etc. Online courses are not accepted by PA SFI.

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE):

One (1) year of CE credit is given for each four (4) hours of training. CE credit awarded (Training Card Expiration Date) is limited to three (3) years from current calendar year. CE credit will not be awarded for taking the same class more than once in a five (5) year period.

- **2013 CE Update (4 hours)** - The CE Update course is developed on an annual basis and covers several topics of current interest. The course will be held during Timber 2013 at the Ag Progress Days site and will include a demonstration woodlot tour focusing on a timber sale to salvage hemlock dying from woolly adelgid.
- **Erosion & Sediment Control in a Forest Setting (8 hours)** - This outdoor training will provide a thorough look at erosion and sedimentation control in the field. The course will cover riparian areas, E&S BMPs, planning, watersheds, current regulations/guidelines, and working with County Conservation Districts.
- **Forest Management – Introduction (8 hours)** - This training involves both classroom and field exercises. It covers what constitutes sustainable forestry practices, the history of Pennsylvania’s forest, forest ecology, which is the study of the forest environment, and an introduction to forest management including BMPs, timber harvest planning, forest operations, forest values, and the correct harvest prescription for a given set of circumstances.
- **Game of Logging (8 hours, each Level)** - These courses cover chainsaw safety and safe/efficient harvesting techniques. **Level 1** (see description under Core Training section). **Level 2** focuses on saw maintenance, chain sharpening techniques, releasing spring poles safely, and directional tree felling.
- **Kane Area Logger Safety Meeting (4 hours)** - This year’s Kane Area Logger Safety Meeting will include a 4 hour workshop aimed at providing information regarding outdoor safety and survival, an introduction to blow down chainsaw safety techniques, as well as other timely safety information for professional timber harvesters. The meeting, which includes a free dinner, is sponsored by the Kane Area Logger Safety Committee.
- **Risk Management System & OSHA Standards/Inspection Process (4 hours)** - This 4-hour course presented by W.J. Cox Associates covers developing and using a simple Risk Management System for your harvesting operation. Its purpose is to discover on-the-job hazards and decide how to deal with them. The instructor will also cover how to deal with hazardous trees and the OSHA standards related to timber harvesting operations. It also reviews what an OSHA inspection of a harvesting operation would entail and how to deal with it. The instructor works full-time with the forest products industry.
- **Wildlife – Young Forest Initiative (4 hours)** - Developed through a cooperative program with the Wildlife Management Institute, this course discusses the importance of creating early successional forest conditions for the benefit of multiple wildlife species. Participants will learn and be given tools to identify and create habitat systems for the American Woodcock, Golden Winged Warbler, and other young forest dependent wildlife species important to forest landowners.

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