

Woodland Invasive Plants Management

PRE-REGISTRATION BY JUNE 26TH IS REQUIRED

Please send your registration form with a check for \$15 for receipt by June 26th to:

BCCD
PO Box 505
Bennington, VT 05201

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

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E-mail _____

Number of participants _____

Amount enclosed _____

For more information about registering for the workshop, contact Shelly Stiles at the Bennington County Conservation District, 802 442-2275 or bccd@sover.net.

This program is presented by the Bennington County Sustainable Forest Consortium, a collaborative between forest landowners, consulting foresters, loggers, the Bennington County Conservation District, and the Bennington County Forester's office, with significant support from:



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Contact Nate Fice at 802 375-1217 or Nate.Fice@state.vt.us or Shelly Stiles at 802 442-2275 or bccd@sover.net for more information on the Bennington County Sustainable Forest Consortium or on how to get involved.



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For forest land owners and forest professionals

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- Invasives 101
- Invasives at the landscape level
 - Treatment tools & techniques
- Integrating invasives control with other management objectives

Tuesday June 30, 2009

8:45 am—3:30 pm

Hildene, the Lincoln Family Home
Manchester Village, VT

\$15

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AGENDA

- 8:45a Refreshments
- 9a Welcome and introductions
- 9:15a Invasives 101
Sharon Plumb
- 10:15a Break
- 10:30a Invasives at the landscape level
Nate Fice
- 11a Treatment tools & techniques
Chris Polatin
- 11:30a Integrating invasives control with other management objectives
Alan Calfee
- 12p Lunch BRING YOUR OWN
- 12:45p Field visits and discussions
Hildene invasive plant treatment areas
All
- 3:00p Wrap up

BCSFC will provide morning snacks and beverages and noontime beverages. Please bring your own lunch.

Invasives 101

Sharon Plumb, *Invasive Species Coordinator at The Vermont Chapter of the Nature Conservancy*

Learn how to identify invasive plant species, how they spread, and why they are a threat to biodiversity.

Sharon provides technical assistance to landowners, is co-chair of the Vermont Invasive Exotic Plant Committee, works closely with the horticultural industry, and manages the Wise on Weeds! public outreach program. She grew up in Vermont and is convinced that with concerted, coordinated effort it is possible to manage invasive plants so that Vermont's fields and forests remain truly Vermont. She has a B.S. and an M.S. in Natural Resources Planning from the University of Vermont.

Invasives at the Landscape Level

Nathan Fice, *Bennington County Forester*

Nate will speak about the impacts of invasive species at the landscape level and the problems that large landowners face when making forest management decisions. He and Chris Polatin will discuss setting priorities and ways to plan for success in reaching your forest management goals.

Nate has worked for the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, & Recreation for over 20 years. His career has included a variety of experiences from managing state forest lands to fighting forest fires to promoting forest steward-

ship with private landowners. As co-founder of the Bennington County Sustainable Forest Consortium, Nate is excited about bringing people together to learn about our natural resources and to share their experiences working with the land.

Treatment tools and techniques

Chris Polatin, *owner, Polatin Ecological Services, LLC*

Chris will demonstrate various tools, techniques and timing sequences that he has used to successfully control invasive plants common in the southern Vermont region. Emphasis will be on integrated vegetation management which includes both mechanical and chemical approaches. Non-chemical alternatives will also be discussed. Chris will also join Nate Fice in discussing setting priorities for treatment and for achieving management goals.

Chris is as a habitat restoration specialist. He regularly performs all aspects of invasive plant management including planning, mapping, monitoring and implementing various control activities. He holds a MS in conservation biology and has worked as an environmental professional for more than a decade.

Integrating invasives control with other management objectives

Alan Calfee, *owner, Calfee Woodland Management LLC*

Alan will share his practical experi-

ence in the development of strategies to control problematic invasive plants as a part of the overall management plan for a woodlot. Alan, the forester for Hildene, will demonstrate some of the techniques used to encourage native regeneration and discourage invasives on the property as part of forest management activities.

Alan is a landowner and professional forester who has been practicing forestry in southern Vermont for over 20 years. In addition to helping private woodland owners manage their properties with a holistic and sustainable approach, Alan has taught at the college level and worked extensively with the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) forest management certification in the northeast region of the U.S. and other countries. He has a passion for hands on management of the land and forests and enjoys sharing that with others.

CREDITS

- Participants are eligible for **LEAP credits**.
- The BCSFC has applied for **SFC CFE credits**.
- **Vermont certified pesticide applicators** will receive 5 credits in categories 2, 6, 10 and "private."

Directions to Hildene

From the north, from Malfunction Junction (the intersections of Rts. 30, 11, and 7A) in Manchester, go south on Rt. 7A 1.9 miles to the entrance to Hildene on the left. From the south, at the Stewart's in Arlington, go north 7.4 miles on Rt. 7A to the entrance to Hildene on the right. Park at the Hildene Visitor's Center.