

# Cornell University Cooperative Extension

## 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RURAL LANDOWNER WORKSHOP

Pioneer Central School, County Line Rd Yorkshire, NY  
Saturday, March 3, 2012



**Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Refreshments/Exhibits in Cafeteria**  
**Auditorium: 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

**Opening Session – Shale Gas Recovery in NYS: A broad overview of DEC’s proposed approach.**  
Kim Sherwood, Hydrologist & Watershed Planner, Chautauqua County Landowner.

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

**“Wild Apple Trees for Wildlife”** - Kristi Sullivan, Cornell University, Dept. of Natural Resources, Conservation Program Coordinator. Including other wildlife food species and enhancing habitat around apple trees.

**A Landowner’s Introduction to Silviculture** - Peter J. Smallidge, NYS Extension Forester Cornell University. Silviculture is the forestry practice used to efficiently and effectively manipulate forest vegetation to achieve the owner’s objectives. Sugarbush management, done correctly, happens within the principles of silviculture. This presentation will cover terminology and basic concepts that will allow a woodlot owner or maple producer to more easily think about and discuss sugarbush management.

**"Oil and Gas Landowner Coalitions in the Utica and Marcellus Shale Formation Areas"**- David Colligan, Esq., Partner Watson, Bennett, Colligan & Schechter, LLP. An overview of your legal rights and how to protect your interests when leasing your land for oil and gas exploration.

**The Woods in your Backyard: Learning to create and enhance natural areas around your home** - Gary Goff, Cornell University Sr. Extension Assoc - Small woodlots can be a valuable asset by providing outdoor recreation and learning opportunities and home protection from wind and sun. Learn the advantage of trading lawn upkeep for a woodland retreat.

**LUNCH 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

**12:50 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSION II (PICK ONE)**

**Small-scale woodlot logging and management** - Peter J. Smallidge, NYS Extension Forester Cornell University. Woodlot owners and maple producers often want to thin their trees, collect logs or firewood, and create desired woodland conditions. Often there are too few acres or too few trees for a commercial-scale operation, or the owner just wants more involvement in selecting, felling, and moving the wood. These tasks require special skills for safety and to achieve desired outcomes. This presentation will cover small-scale strategies for working in your woodlot. Participants will gain confidence and knowledge to initiate tasks, learn about small-scale logging, and increase their safety and efficiency.

**Updates on New York Forest pests: Emerald Ash Borer, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, and the threat of Thousand Cankers Disease of Black walnut** - Mark Whitmore, Dept. of Natural Resources, Cornell University. The Emerald Ash Borer is spreading and showing up in new locations but still infests less than 1% of New York’s forests. The Hemlock Woolly Adelgid is spreading throughout the Finger Lakes and mortality is just beginning to appear. Distribution, spread, and management options will be discussed for these species. Thousand Cankers Disease of Black walnuts have been found in Pennsylvania. Learn more about the biology, signs, and symptoms of this new forest threat.

**Protecting your timber and wildlife resources during natural gas operations** - Kristi Sullivan, Cornell University, Dept. of Natural Resources, Conservation Program Coordinator. This would include things like

making sure you get adequate compensation when trees are removed, pipeline and road placement, buffers for sensitive areas.

**Third – Party Verification of Sustainable Forest Practices- Is it the Time Right for Family Forest Participation?** Ben Machin – The Forest Partnership, Corinth, VT & Patrick McGlew – The Nature Conservancy, Cattaraugus, NY. This interactive session is for owners of private forestland who are curious about the process and potential benefits from certification of sustainable forestry practices. Learn about the principle certifications, the costs and benefits of the process from foresters with experience advising landowners and managing their private forestlands.

**2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSION III (PICK ONE)**

**"Bats of New York"** - Kristi Sullivan, Cornell University, Dept. of Natural Resources, Conservation Program Coordinator. Including white nose syndrome and wind power project considerations as well as overview of the 9 species we have and their habits/habitats.

**Best management practices for timber production** - Peter J. Smallidge, NYS Extension Forester Cornell University. Many woodlot owners and maple producers are interested in better sawtimber production from their land. Ten core ideas will help maple producers or woodland owners improve the volume and value of timber on their property.

**Safety in the Woodlots** - James Carrabba, Agricultural Safety Specialist New York Center for Agricultural Medicine & Health (NYCAMH). This workshop will outline basic information on developing good safety habits in forestry-related work. Learn about common causes of forestry and chainsaw related fatalities and injuries that occur in New York State and strategies for preventing accidents.

**Wasp Watch: Using the Cerceris wasp as a bio surveillance tool for emerald ash borers.** - Gary Goff, Cornell University Sr. Extension Assoc. 4-H clubs are engaged in a unique citizen science project that teaches them the techniques and value of science to address a real environment issue in their community. Landowners can take part too. Your help is needed to find colonies of these native wasps, learn about this native insect that controls invasive species and how to locate them.

**Should you sell your timber?** - Eric Stawitzky, Certified Forester/Arborist, Pioneer Forestry. Determining the best time to perform a timber harvest is one of the most difficult decisions for a landowner to make. This hands-on presentation will look to assist the forest owner in understanding the condition of their forest, in conjunction with available markets, harvesting/sale methods, current timber prices and other relevant issue to make this decision as easy as possible.

**3:00 PM Auditorium - NYFOA Membership Drawing**

**PLEASE NOTE:** All Pioneer District Buildings and Grounds are drug and tobacco free areas; including facilities, fields, parking lots, etc. No Smoking is allowed in the facilities or the grounds.

**SEE DIRECTIONS BELOW:**

**From the North:** Take the 400 Expressway to Rte. 16 South to Yorkshire. Turn left onto Rte. 39 then right onto County Line Road. Pioneer Central School is 1/4 mile on the right.

**From the South:** Take the Southern Tier Expressway 86 (formerly 17) to Rte. 16, travel north to Yorkshire. Turn right onto Rte. 39 then right onto County Line Road. Pioneer Central School is 1/4 mile on the right.

**From the East:** Take Exit 8 on Interstate 390 to Rte. 20A. Travel West to Rte. 39 and turn left to Yorkshire. Turn left onto County Line Road. Pioneer Central School is 1/4 mile on the right.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

*(Please mail back this entire form with payment - thank you!)*

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*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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**CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE SENT  
LIMITED TO THE FIRST 300 PEOPLE - YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IF REGISTRAION IS DENIED  
NO REFUNDS - - - - - NO WALK-INS PLEASE.**

**Registration deadline: Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Cost: \$30.00 per person; this includes lunch, a copy of the seminar proceedings, and all handout materials.

*Fill in registration information below including checked class selections above:*

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

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

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

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

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

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