

The Massachusetts Keystone Project

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Important people making the conservation difference

Keystone Program

April 16 – 19, 2015

Harvard Forest, Petersham, Massachusetts

THURSDAY, 16 April:

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm: Welcome, Introductions, Explanation of the Keystone Project, and a discussion of the roles and expectations of the participants. **Paul Catanzaro** and **Dave Kittredge**

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm: Introductions of 2015 Keystone Cooperators.

FRIDAY, 17 April:

7:00 - 8:00 am: Breakfast.

8:00 - 8:45 am: Historical perspective on land use, and the role of human influence in the forest landscapes that characterize Massachusetts today and implications for the future. **John O'Keefe**

8:45 - 9:30 am: Forest succession and ecology. Introduce concepts of succession, shade tolerance, stratification, and stand development over time. **Dave Kittredge**

9:30 - 9:45 am: Break

9:45 - 11:15 am: Elements of wildlife habitat. Introduce concepts of niche, browse, cover, and other essential components of habitat using examples of different wildlife species. **John Scanlon**

11:15 - 12:15 pm: Elements of timber management, introducing the concepts of site quality, even vs. uneven-aged management, and the production of timber products through the implementation of different silvicultural practices. **Dave Kittredge**

12:15 - 1:30 pm: Lunch

1:30 - 5:30 pm: Field trip - view different habitats, timber stands, site conditions, levels of succession on private land and a Wildlife Management Area. **Dave Kittredge, John Scanlon, Dave Small, Paul Catanzaro, Audrey Barker-Plotkin**

5:30 – 6:15 pm: Informal

6:15 - 7:00 pm: Dinner

7:00 - 8:30 pm: Invasive Insects – **Jennifer Forman Orth**

SATURDAY, 18 April:

7:00 - 8:00 am: Breakfast.

8:00 - 9:15 am: Restoring Old-Growth Characteristics. **Paul Catanzaro**

9:15 - 10:30 am: Land protection tools. **Sarah Wells**

10:30 - 10:45 am: Break

10:45 - 12:00: Invasive and exotic plants – biology and control. **Chris Polatin**

12:00 - 1:00 pm: Lunch

1:00 - 5:00 pm: Field trip/ woods tour and Ch. 61 discussion. Webb property and Harvard Forest. **Harry Webb, Paul Catanzaro, Mike Mauri, Trina Morruzi, Dave Kittredge, Josh Feldman, Max Feldman, Kate Marquis.**

5:00 – 6:00 pm: Informal

6:00 - 7:00 pm: Dinner

7:00 - 8:30 pm: Assessing Conservation Opportunities at the Landscape Level. **Laura Marx.**

SUNDAY, 19 April:

7:00 - 8:00 am: Breakfast

8:00 - 9:15 am: The Landowner Decision Cycle – opportunities to inform landowner and community decisions and UMass outreach strategies. **Paul Catanzaro**

9:15 – 10:15 am: outreach possibilities.

10:15 – 11:00: Discussion of outreach Ideas and Experiences

11:00-12:00 Keystone alumni success stories: **Nicole Sanford and John Lepore**

12:00 -1:00 – Group photo, final remarks, workshop evaluation

1:00 pm: Lunch – eat in or to go

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