

Dauphin County Woodland Owners Association Second Annual Conference

Saturday, April 14, 2012

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Dauphin County Agriculture &
Natural Resources Center
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“Moving Pennsylvania’s Woodlands Forward”

Today forests cover 59% or 16.6 million acres of Penn’s Woods. Of this total, 29% (4.6 million acres) are publically owned and 71% (12 million acres) are owned by 4,770,000 households. We all can count on these lands for timber, habitat, clean water and air, and recreation. These woodlands are a major connection to the natural world for all of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

But just how “Natural” is today’s forest? How did it come to be and what will it look like in the future? This conference is presented to assist you to make informed decisions necessary for the best use of your woodland, whether you own woodland or are a resident that helps to determine governmental regulations of this precious resource.

This year’s conference will focus on today’s forests and what we want them to look like in the future when we pass on this most precious resource.

**Contact the Dauphin County Woodland
Owners Association at DCWOA@live.com**

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The Dauphin County Woodland Owners Association has planned this day long conference to provide private forest landowners with forest management strategies to promote a sustainable forest. Topics will include: timber management; timber stand improvement; and habitat management for wildlife and alternative forest cash crops.

Speakers represent diverse forestry related professions including: professional foresters, plant pathologists, entomologists, wildlife biologists and forest land managers.

Conference registration includes morning refreshments and lunch. Pre-registration is needed to assist conference planning. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Please note any special dietary needs.

The Dauphin County Woodland Owners Association is a non-profit organization of individuals interested in sustainable woodland management practices which encourage the diverse use of forests for timber production, wildlife habitat, watershed protection, and recreation through education and technical assistance.

Your participation in this conference and other Dauphin Woodland Owners Association Programs is encouraged. A membership brochure and enrollment form is included in this meeting announcement.

**Matt Weir, DCWOA President &
Andy Brought, Dept. of Conservation &
Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry**

**In coordination with:
Paul H. Craig
Extension Educator - Agriculture**

DCWOA Conference Agenda

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

**Registration
(Coffee and Danish)**

9:00 a.m.

Welcome - Matt Weir
Dauphin County Woodland Owners
Association President

9:15 a.m.

**Fungi: The Good, The Bad, and
the Beautiful**

Jerry Hassinger, Retired DCNR/PGC
Wildlife Biologist - Do you know that the largest
fungus weighs more than 35,000 TONS!!

10:00 a.m.

**Farming the Forest:
Growing Ginseng & Other
Medicinal Plants in your Woods**

Dr. Eric Burkhardt, PSU Forest Resources -
Interested in native plants? Want to know more about
ginseng production?

10:45 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m.

**Planning, Administering, & Retir-
ing a Timber Sale**

Andy Brought, DCNR
Service Forester - Having a timber sale is
more than cutting down trees.

11:45 a.m.

Questions and Answers

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

12:45 p.m.

Healthy Forests, Healthy Waters

Craig Highfield, Program Manager for Alliance for
the Chesapeake Bay - Ever consider how forested
area use across a large watershed impacts water?

1:30 p.m.

**Herbicide Applications to Control
Invasive Plants in Small Woodlots**

Dave Jackson, PSU Forest Resources Extension -
Why you should be informed and possibly manage
non-native plants.

2:15 p.m.

**Peent & Drum! - Managing for
Woodcock and Grouse on Your
Property**

Lisa Williams, PA Game Commission
Wildlife Biologist - Learn to love clearcuts when
you understand their importance to grouse,
woodcock and some of our best loved songbirds.

3:00 p.m.

Question/Answers

Safe Trip Home

DCWOA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Business _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip Code _____ County _____

Daytime Phone () _____

Fax # _____

E-Mail _____

**Make check (s) payable to: "Dauphin County
Woodland Owners Association or DCWOA"**

Pre-Registration Fee: \$15.00 per person

Late Registration Fee:
After Friday, April 6, - \$20.00 per person

NOTE: No Refunds after Thursday, April 12, 2012

No Phone Reservations will be accepted.
Confirmation will not be mailed to you.

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Mail to: Katica Cuturic, Secretary
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