The Dauphin County Woodland Owners Association has planned this day long conference to provide private forest landowners with forest management strategies to promote sustainable forestry. Topics include: pest and disease; timber management; invasive species control; timber stand improvement; and habitat management for wildlife and forest health issues.

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

Pre-registration is requested to assist us with conference planning. Conference registration is free and includes morning refreshments. If you would like to join us for lunch, $10.00 will be collected during morning registration.

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 County Woodland Owners Association Programs is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you in March.

Mike Thomas, DCWOA President & Andy Brought, Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry

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Today forests cover 59% or 16.6 million acres of Penn’s Woods. Of this total, 29% (4.6 million acres) are publicly 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 residents of the Commonwealth.

What is the nature of the “Web of Life” that lives in our forests today? How did it evolve, and how does it affect us? What will it look like in the future? This conference is presented to assist you when making decisions necessary for the best management of woodland, and maximizing benefit to wildlife. Whether your family owns private woodland or you are an interested resident that enjoys our public forests, anyone is welcome to attend our functions.

DCWOA 6th Annual Conference
“Moving Your Woodlot Forward”

Saturday, March 5th, 2016
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Dauphin County Agriculture & Natural Resources Center
1451 Peters Mountain Rd.
Dauphin, PA 17018
Conference Agenda

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.
Registration
(Coffee and Danish)

9:00 - 9:05
Welcome - Mike Thomas
Dauphin County Woodland Owners
Association President

9:05 - 9:55
Fire’s Role in PA Ecosystems
Ben Jones - PA Game Co.
History, ecology, and restoration of these rare fire
related ecotypes.

9:55 - 10:45
Legacy Planning
Karen Hackman - RHP Law Group
Discussion of real threats to sustainable forestry,
beyond taxes, including generational differences.

10:45 - 11:00
Break

11:00 - 11:50
Food and Cover Plot Mgmt.
Jim Gillis - NRCS
Managing herbaceous openings for wildlife
enhancement on your woodlot.

11:50 - 12:30
Lunch

12:30 - 1:20
Conserving Rare and Declining
Species - Charlie Eichelberger
How you can address the needs of rare and
endangered species on your property.

1:20 - 2:10
Forest Mgmt. for Cerulean
Warblers
Amanda Duren - NRCS
Manage your woodlot for this unique song bird,
which is declining 4% each year.

2:10 - 3:00
Silviculture 101
Andy Brought - DCNR
How do foresters plan changes in the forest to favor
outcomes you prefer.

3:00
Wrap up