



2023ESFPA/ARC Fall Forestry Roundtable

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SUNY Adirondack, Northwest Bay Conference Center, 640 Bay Rd, Queensbury, NY 12804
Thursday, November 2nd, 2023, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Overview:

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 9:15 a.m. Opening Remarks:
 - Dan Fitts, Executive Director, Adirondack Research Consortium
 - Dr. Kristine Duffy, President SUNY Adirondack
 - John Bartow, Executive Director, Empire State Forest Products Association
- **Session 1: 9:30- 10:30 a.m.- New York's Climate Assessment and Implications for Forests**
 - In partnership with leading academic institutions, science organizations, community leaders, and others, New York State is undertaking a comprehensive research effort to better understand and document how climate change is affecting our state, what future impacts may be, and how we can prepare for them. The New York State Climate Impacts Assessment development effort was launched in June 2021 and is scheduled to be completed by fall 2023. This session will focus on what the 2023 Assessment says about New York's forests.
 - **Presenter** – Dr. John Foppert, Paul Smiths College
- Break: 10:45 – 11:00 a.m.
- **Session 2: 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. - New York Carbon Assessment**
 - The New York Forest Carbon Assessment has developed a leading-edge system for mapping carbon stocks over time, estimating stock changes at variable spatial and temporal scales, and translating stock-change maps into IPCC-based carbon accounting. Map based estimates of trends in carbon stocks provide estimates of net sequestration and emissions using accounting workflow that also incorporates past and projected future land use change. Deliverables of the project include statewide maps and data products representing historical, present-day, and potential future carbon stocks, which provide a basis for parcel-level, landscape-scale accounting and monitoring of climate benefits.
 - **Presenter** - Dr. Colin Beier, SUNY ESF
- Lunch 12:00 p.m.
 - **Lunch Speaker – Fiona Watt, Director, Division of Lands & Forests NYS DEC and State Forester.** Fiona Watt is the new Director of Lands and Forests and New York State Forester. She will review highlights of her tenure to date and briefly discuss priorities for the Division in 2024.

- Session 3: 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. - **Wood Based Forest Economy**
 - The bioeconomy is part of the solution to many great challenges such as climate change, deterioration of the ecosystems, and declining employment in the forestry sector. The purpose of this research study is to determine the opportunities and challenges associated with developing the wood-based bioeconomy in New York State. During the summer of 2023, the research focused on stakeholder outreach for input on developing a wood-based bioeconomy. This presentation will be on the outcomes of those outreach sessions and what it means for the research going forward.
 - **Presenters** - Dr. Timothy Volk and Dr. Danielle Kloster, SUNY ESF
- Break: 2:15 – 3:00 p.m.
- Session 4: 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. - **Latest on the Northeast Forest Carbon Program and What's Up with Integrity in the Carbon Offset Programs**
 - The Securing Northeast Forest Carbon Program is a cooperative effort among the State forestry offices in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont to secure as much of the private forest carbon in the northeast region as possible in a 3-year period (2021-2024) through outreach and education for foresters, forest landowners and land trusts. The focus is on working forestland carbon. Each State Forester's office has a forest carbon lead staffer (Molly Hassett in NY). The education and outreach have been about the science of forest carbon and climate change mitigation and how to encourage private forest owners in the region to secure their forest carbon through carbon sales in the voluntary and compliance markets, through special management practices and through use of conservation easements. This session will provide an update on the program as well as some emerging activities and efforts on integrity in the voluntary and regulatory climate markets.
 - **Presenter** – Charles Levesque, Executive Director, North East State Foresters Association and President, Innovative Natural Resource Solutions, LLC
- Wrap-up 3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

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