

Rhode Island Coverts Project Workshop
May 12, 13, and 17, 2017

Friday, May 12

8:00 a.m. – Registration

8:15 a.m. – Welcome, introductions, expectations of participants.

- Paul Dolan, RI RC&D Area Director and Project Coordinator

8:30 a.m. – SESSION 1 – Landscape Ecology

- Peter V. August, Professor, URI – Dept. of Natural Resources Science
Topic: “Rhode Island’s Fragmented Landscape and Ecology

9:15 a.m. – SESSION 2 - BASIC CONCEPTS IN FOREST ECOLOGY

Historical Perspective on Forests in Rhode Island, and concepts of forest ecology including succession, shade tolerance, the role of disturbance

- Bill Buffum, Research Associate, URI – Dept. of Natural Resources Science

10:00 Coffee break (provided)

10:15 am - SESSION 3 FIELD TRIP

Forestry tools, tree identification, view of a site on property to discuss how to get started.

12:15 Lunch

1:00 p.m. – SESSION 4 - BASIC CONCEPTS IN WILDLIFE ECOLOGY

Elements of wildlife habitat: Introduce concepts of niche, browse, cover and other components of habitat.

- Scott McWilliams, Professor, URI – Dept. of Natural Resource Science

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. – SESSION 5 - FIELD ACTIVITY FIELD TRIP/WOODS TOUR

View different examples of forest and wildlife management implemented by RIDEM. As part of the field trip, there will be information on pollinators and invasive species.

Saturday, May 13

8:30 a.m. – SESSION 6 – BASIC CONCEPTS IN MANAGING YOUR WOODLANDS

Elements of forest management, introducing the concepts of site quality, even & uneven-aged management, and the production of forest products through the implementation of different silvicultural practices.

- Chris Modisette, State Resource Conservationist, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

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9:15 a.m. – SESSION 7 – APPLIED WILDLIFE ECOLOGY

Habitat creation for different wildlife species using different management practices.

- Brian Tefft, Principal Wildlife Biologist, RIDEM Division of Fish and Wildlife

10:00 a.m. Break (provided)

10:15 a.m. – SESSION 8 – Birds, Bees and Pollinators

- Gary Casabona, State Biologist, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

11:00 a.m. - Session 9 – Forest Insects and Diseases

What is bugging you this year winter moth, gypsy moth and others

- Paul Ricard State Forest Pest Specialist DEM Div. of Forest Environment

11:45 Sessions 10 NRCS Technical and Financial Assistance

- Christopher Modisette, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

12:00 Sessions 11 Alumni Case Study

Hear from those that have taken the course and are managing their land.

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12:30 to 1:00 p.m. – Lunch (provided)

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. SESSION 8 – FIELD TRIP/WOODS TOUR View different examples of forest and wildlife management implemented on private lands by Coverts Cooperator

Will Walker, Service Forester for RIDEM will provide information on the importance of Forest Management Plans. Part of the field trip will have information on tree identification, pollinators, how to plan your objectives and invasive species.

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Wrap up in the field

Wednesday, May 17, 2017- 7:00-9:00 P.M.

PLANNING ACTIVITIES ON YOUR PROPERTY

How to create land use maps on and around your property using free Online mapping software.

- Bill Buffum, Research Associate, URI – Dept. of Natural Resources Science
- 006 Woodward Hall (Lowest Floor), URI

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