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# We have a new *News Quarterly* Editor

## Welcome J.P. Barsky as the newest editor of the News Quarterly!

We will be transitioning our roles in the following months so look forward to the same great publication but with a fresh set of eyes. Maggie and I and all of NE-SAF wish him the best of luck!

We have had a lot of fun under our tenure and it was a very rewarding experience working with the membership and everyone on the executive committee over the years as co-editors. Thank you for the support and kind words over the years.

~Scott & Maggie~

We are privileged to add our names to the list of great editors who came before us (see page 23 for a list of all the editors) .

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# IN MEMORIAM

**Joseph "Pep" William Voboril Jr.,** 79, of Willington, CT died peacefully in his sleep on January 15, 2015 in his home.
He graduated from the University of Connecticut, with a degree in forestry; Windham High School 1953. He also served as an instructor in the U.S. Army. Joe retired from the State of Connecticut as Director of Property Management. He also briefly served as First Selectman of the Town of Willington. Joe would always want to be remembered as Joe Voboril, Forester. With his passing, landowners will be hard pressed to hire a more able and dedicated land representative.
Joe was a member of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association, Connecticut Farm Bureau, Connecticut Professional Timber Producers Association, Inc., Society of American Foresters, Connecticut Christmas Tree Growers, Connwood Foresters, Inc., Eastern Connecticut Forest Land Owners Association, and Willington Cemetery Association. He most recently chaired the Town of Willington Salary Study Committee.
Joe's life was family, work, land conservation and nature.
He leaves behind his loving wife, Ruth, and his brother William and wife Jennette Voboril; daughters, Pamela and Valerie and their respective husbands Jeff Landon and Scot Rogers, three cherished grandsons, Quin, Cole and Josh.

**John Conde,** 69, of Northfield died suddenly Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, while on his way to visit a woodlot in Springfield. John grew up in Oneida, N.Y., the son of Albert and Doris (Randall) Conde. He graduated from Paul Smith's College and the University of New Hampshire with degrees in forest management, having decided he wanted to be a forester by age 12.John was the Merrimack County Extension forester for 18 years before starting his own consultant forestry business, Bean Hill Forest Services, in 1988. He managed private landowners' forest lands throughout much of the state, many of them through two or three generations of landowners. His extensive knowledge of the natural resources of vast tracks of land was amazing. Oftentimes a new landowner would call and after identifying the location, John was able to provide a history of the woodlot, where the boundaries were, where an old car was located on the lot, etc. He never forgot a woodlot! His priority was improving the condition of the woodlot for future growth of forest products, improving habitat for wildlife and protecting natural resources. John's integrity and firm handshake were the basis of his business and private relationships. He didn't waste words, but the few he used were usually from keen observation and to the point. He took great pride in maintaining his hay fields, making quality hay and maple syrup. He has passed on his opinionated knowledge to his sons, as well as mentoring young foresters and maple producers who will carry on his work. John is survived by his wife of 47 years, Eliza Hall Conde; his sons John (and Karena Angell), and Charlie, as well as his favorite granddaughter, Coralie, and his sister, Carol Conde Miske.

## 2015 Awards Recipients

# Michael H. Dann

***Distinguished Service Award***

*The Distinguished Service Award is the highest award given by the New England SAF, recognizing professional achievement in forestry, irrespective of age or tenure, by a New England SAF member.*

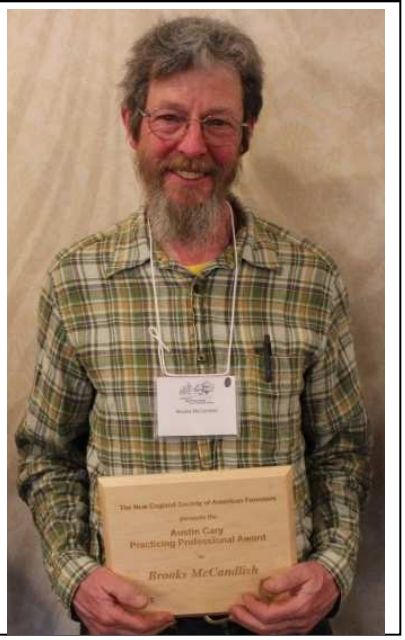
Mike has served in a variety of roles and scales in his forestry career, all of them noteworthy. From his semi-industrial back ground with Seven Island Land Company (SILC) and the management of the 1 million acre Pingree family ownership, to small non-industrial owners in both Tree Farm and the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine, to being a FSC Certification Auditor on ownerships throughout New England.

In 1968, Mike graduated with a B.S. in Forest Management from the University of Maine. He then served 3 years of active duty in the US Naval Reserve, and returned to Maine in 1971. He then started a 35 year career with SILC, rising through the ranks and ending as Woodland Manager for a 16 year period; Mike was instrumental in the Pingree ownership becoming the first large scale commercial forestland to be FSC certified.

An endorsement noted, "My most memorable times with Mike have been while driving. Our 'truck time' taught me so much about ethics in forestry and, well, really, life. Mike strongly believes in service and is a community leader."

"When someone asks me to describe Mike Dann's stature and accomplishments as a forester, I always say without hesitation that if I were charged with forming a blue-ribbon panel to work on or solve some particular vexing forestry problem in the state, Mike would be on my A-team. He personifies what it means to be a professional forester in every respect: technically competent; scientifically grounded; steadfastly ethical; independent; devoted to long-term forest stewardship in an effective, practical way; unselfish; and seemingly always willing to serve on whatever committee, board, or working group that might make things better in the forest."

# Brooks McCandlish



***Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award***

*The Austin Cary Award recognizes New England SAF members who have shown exceptional achievement as practicing forest managers. Austin Cary (1865–1936) graduated from Bowdoin College and introduced northern landowners to forest sampling, growth estimation, and simple silvicultural techniques. Cary's Woodsman's Manual, written in 1909, continued to be used as a textbook until the 1960's.*

"Brooks is one of those people that I call a "quiet forester;" without great fanfare or pomposity, he has conscientiously strived to provide high quality forestry services to his clients and assistance to his colleagues during the course of his career."

His education includes a B.S. in Forest Management from the Univ. of Massachusetts in 1978 and a M.S. in Silviculture from Oregon State Univ. in 1980. Brooks and his wife manage their

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own 318 acre "Kisakanari Woodlot" in Bradford, NH, and it had a conservation easement placed on the property in 2011.

Another endorsement comes from a forester who is now managing several woodlots that previously were under Brooks; he says, "The properties are well managed and the landowners objectives and considerations were always at the forefront of the management scheme. As a contemporary and competitor, I still recognize that any landowner and parcel of forest is in good hands with his guidance."

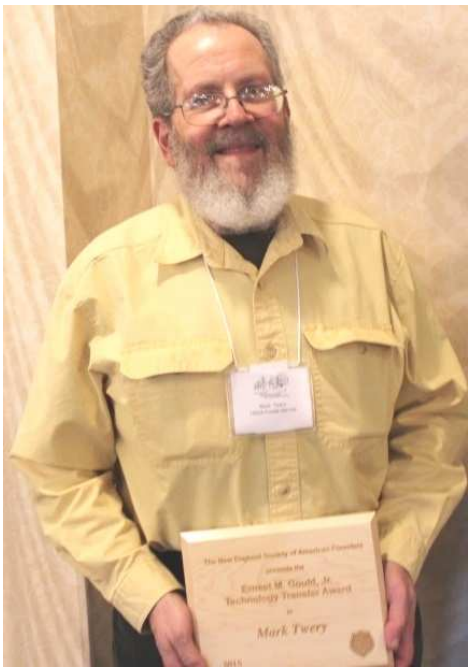
"I've known Brooks for 30 years as an office-mate, a professional colleague working for the same organization, as a County Forester (me) working with a consulting forester (Brooks) to help private landowners achieve their land management goals, and now as the State Extension Forester seeking Brooks guidance on many topics and issues."

Rare for a forester, he understands and actually uses statistics to inform his management, and values the economic and ecological aspects of managing a forest and considers tree growth and investment in his management decisions and tree marking. He is always adapting his current day actions to reflect the successes (and failures) of his past management.

Brooks is a long-term NH Tree Farm committee member and has served for the last 25 years as the Chef for roasting the pig for the Field Day.

## Mark Twery

***Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award***




*The Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award is given for outstanding contributions to natural resource science and management through education, extension, or youth service. Gould achieved wide acclaim for his expertise in analyzing and resolving forest resource policy issues while on the faculty of Harvard University. He was a graduate of the University of New Hampshire.*

Mark is best known as the prime author of NED: Forest Ecosystem Decision Support Software – a computer model that helps natural resource managers inventory, assess, and plan for multiple forest resources. As both computer technology and resource manager's needs changed, Mark continually adapted NED to stay current and usable. Mark has conducted dozens of workshops throughout the New England region, instructing and helping foresters utilize this tool in their planning.

His educational background includes an A.B. in Theater Arts from Oberlin in 1972, then a M.S. in forest Ecology from UMass-Amherst in 1983, and finally a Ph.D. in 1987, in Silviculture, from Yale University. His C.V. displays a long list of research published in scientific literature and peer-reviewed journals. Mark's professional forestry career has been spent at various USDA Forest Service Northeastern Experiment and Research Stations, with adjunct teaching positions at both Paul Smith's College and the University of Vermont. Mark retired last June, but has not been inactive.

One endorsement specifically pointed out the educational benefit in silviculture that Mark's

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work on the Forest Ecosystem Research and Demonstration Area (FERDA) continues to provide to Paul Smith's students and resource managers in the region.

All endorsements commented on Mark's long and active involvement in SAF, from the Green Mountain Division, being a presenter at multiple workshops and conferences, to Program Chair for both the 2011 and 2015 NESAF Annual meetings. His outreach and contacts truly makes this last event into a New England wide program.

## Kathryn T. Manende

***Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award***

*The Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award is presented to a member of NESAF less than 40 years old who has shown leadership in a program or project benefiting the practice of forestry. Beattie was Vermont Commissioner of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, Deputy Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources, and ultimately became Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Beattie was active in SAF. She co-authored* ***Working with Your Woodland****; she is remembered for her tireless devotion to conservation, integrity, and quiet courage*.

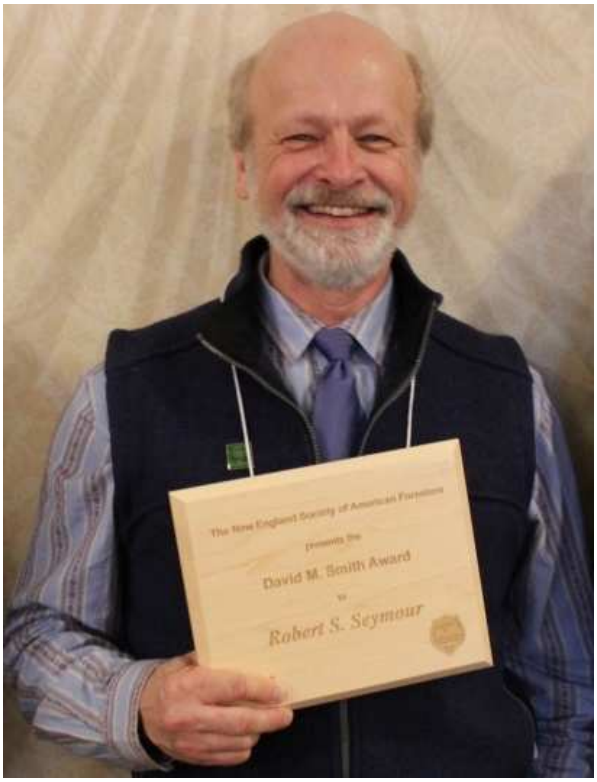
In the letter of nomination, "Katie has been a model for leadership within the forestry profession for as long as I have known her; starting in college as the chair of the University of Maine SAF Student Chapter and as an officer for the Xi Sigma Pi Forestry Honor Society. After graduation, she continued at the Maine Division level, serving three years as a member-at-large, and then due to some unforeseen circumstances, nearly two successive years as chair."

Katie matriculated from the University of Maine with a dual B.S. degree in Forestry and Wildlife Ecology in 2008; last August she received a M.F. with a focus of Forest Certification. Her SAF involvement also includes serving on the National Nominations Committee in 2014. She serves as an educator, trainer, and facilitator for both Maine Envirothon and Project Learning Tree. She is now a Maine Licensed Forester and a SAF Certified Forester.

Currently employed as a Lead Analyst-Vegetation Management for Iberdrola/Central Maine Power; she monitors and audits vegetation maintenance on the utility infrastructure, assists in transmission work, contributes to service requests, and deals with customer relations and concerns about vegetation management.

An endorser, a former supervisor who also served on her MF committee noted that Katie is a self-starter and took on an added role the company's GPS, GIS, and desktop application guru. Another endorsement commented on Katie's role and dedication to mentoring other younger foresters; and expressed his confidence that her commitment to the profession of forestry will long continue and grow.

## Robert S. Seymour




***David M. Smith Award***

*The David M. Smith award recognizes a New England SAF member engaged in research, teaching, or the field application of silviculture, whose work reflects Dave's advice that* ***"we should observe and analyze the patterns of stand development first, and devise silvicultural treatments to fit or modify them afterwards."***

The nomination letter begins with, "If Bob and I were a stand of trees, we would be a single aged cohort, having both started our careers in 1974 with our respective B.S. degrees in Forest Management. We did not follow the same career path, but have intersected many times over the years, in the fields of research, forest management, education, and credentialing. Due to all of these instances, I am a better forester, especially in silviculture, also spruce/fir management and growth/yield modeling."

Bob is the Curtis Hutchins Professor of Forest Resources (in Quantitative Silviculture) at the School of Forest Resources, University of Maine, where he has been on faculty since 1987. He has a 1974 B.S. degree from Ohio University, a 1976 M.S. and a 1980 Ph.D. in Silviculture from Yale. While at Yale, Bob studied under David M. Smith. Research interests include production silviculture, forest canopy structure, and ecologically based systems. He has 23 years of experience in the Acadian Forest, has authored over 40 peer-reviewed articles and 4 book chapters, and has served on FSC certification evaluation teams for seven landowners with 6 million acres of forestland.

Self-characterized as a "work a day field forester," who never had Bob as a formal professor, but over 12 years, met with his graduate classes on field trips, and wistfully wishes that he had been infused with the knowledge that Bob conveys to his students back when he started his career some 46 years earlier. An endorsement noted that David Smith's advice above is very much in evidence in the long-term Acadian Forest Ecosystem Research Program; where Bob devised an expanding gap shelterwood system, the now famous "Acadian Femelschlag," based on his forestry observations in Germany.

The final endorsement from a former undergraduate student relates how fortunate he was to have Bob as a silviculture professor in 1994, but even more so, the continuing relationship and influence that Bob has had on my education and research. "Like his approach to research, Bob teaches the principles and practice of silviculture with an enthusiasm and depth of wisdom unrivaled by any other instructor. It is clear that he represents a true international leader in advancing science and the practice of silviculture."

## 2015 Awards Recipients

# Steven H. Swatling

***Integrity in Conservation Award***

*The Integrity in Conservation Award recognizes an individual or organization working with natural resources who demonstrates adherence to principles and high standards in the face of adversity.*

In his biographical sketch, he is the first generation to be off of the family dairy farm located on the New York watershed divide of the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers. His education consists of a 1977 A.A.S. degree from the NY Ranger School and a 1979 B.S. degree in Forest Management from SUNY-ESF. Early work experience included a stint with Cotton-Hanlon Inc., a family owned hardwood sawmill with 35,000 acres of forestland; and NY DEC, where Steve ranked the state's rivers for inclusion under the Wild, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers Program using GIS.

In 1989, Steve became and remains today as the only manager of the Bigelow Preserve. The 35,000 acre preserve is managed within the Maine Bureau of Parks and Land, but has a unique set of criteria set into law to directs its resource management. One of these constraints was road access, which mandated that public vehicular access be limited to roads that were "easily accessible to automobiles as of the effective date of this 1976 Act." Through a gradual process of public outreach, a last resort of gates and barriers, and over 5 miles of new timber management roads, the preserve now fosters large areas that are solely for non-motorized access. An unique challenge is dealing with visual quality. Public enjoyment requires the assurance that views from below looking up and across the Preserve, as well as views from the various peaks looking down and over are maintained; i.e. invisible harvesting.

One endorsement noted, "Steve is required to have a unique sense of balance in a high wind storm. Every "interest" wants you to listen to them and provide what they want. He knows his job, innovatively answering competing interests, and pleasing an amazing high percentage of the people with whom he interacts." A final endorsement notes. "He is a valued professional colleague and is widely admired for his independent professional stature and credibility, traits which are not affected by the whims of the moment or the pressures of special interests --- certainly the definition of "integrity" in my book.

OUR MISSION AS FORESTERS IS TO BE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF THE EARTH'S FORESTS WHILE MEETING SOCIETY'S VITAL NEEDS. THE CHALLENGE OF OUR MISSION LIES IN KEEPING FOREST ECOSYSTEMS HEALTHY AND INTACT WHILE CONCURRENTLY DRAWING ON THEIR RESOURCES. WE WILL MEET THIS CHALLENGE BY CAREFULLY MONITORING AND MANAGING THE EFFECTS OF NATURAL AND HUMAN FORCES ON THE FOREST. OUR DECISIONS WILL BE GUIDED BY OUR PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE, OUR COMPASSION FOR ALL LIVING THINGS, OUR DESIRE TO IMPROVE CITIZENS' LIVES, AND OUR RESPECT AND CONCERN FOR THE ENTIRE FOREST ECOSYSTEM. BY ADVANCING FORESTRY SCIENCE, EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE PRACTICE OF FORESTRY, NE SAF WILL PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP TO ACHIEVE ITS MISSION.

# NESAF News

## Chair Column: Paul Dolan

Greetings: As of January I have stepped into the Chairman's role. With our new method of one year chairmanship we seem to move into the position fairly fast. I am a forester from Rhode Island, which is referred to as Southern New England, except looking out the window at the beginning of spring here; I think the calendar is wrong. First of all I would like to thank Jim Harding for being the Chairman for a year plus, he did an excellent job of getting us on track. I would also like to thank Kristen Hoffman from Maine for serving as its representative to the board and Dana Hachigian from Massachusetts for serving as its representative. We would like to welcome Fred Borman from New Hampshire as our new chair elect, also William Hill being the new representative from Massachusetts and Ken Laustsen stepping back into the role of representative from Maine. We also have a new Forest Science coordinator Tony D'Amato and we would like to thank Mark Rudnicki for serving in that role.
We also still have a need for members to step up and fill positions as we go into next year (with application needed by August 1st) we will need a chair elect, a secretary, a treasurer and a representative from each of the following states: Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

I would like to congratulate the winners of this year's awards: Brooks McCandish for the Austin Cary Award, Robert S. Seymour for the David M. Smith Award, Mike Dan for the Distinguished Service Award, Mark Twery for the Gould Technology Award, Steven H. Swatling, Sr. for the Integrity in Conservation Award, and Katie Manende for the Mollie Beattie Young Forester Award. Our NESAF grant recipient was the Rhode Island Chapter for outreach with the Envirothon. The funding for the grants have dwindled over the years due to poor returns on our investment, this year proceeds from the raffle and silent auction will go to grants.
As outlined in our News Quarterly of October 2014, the Northern Long Eared Bat was featured; the US FWS had opened up the comment period again. NESAF along with Allegany SAf and New York had sent further comments. It was stated that we are a group that represents 2,300 foresters and furthermore it was stated: We continue to support a threatened designation accompanied by a 4(d) rule, which would provide ample protections while also allowing activities that minimally affect the NLEB—like sustainable forest management—to continue. We find the proposed 4(d) rule to be necessary and advisable to promote the conservation of the species, and we welcome the acknowl-

## Board of Directors (Formerly Council) Report :By Andy Hayes

I hope all are well.

The SAF Board of Directors met in Bethesda, MD March 6th, 7th, and 8th for their first board meeting of the year.

**External Relations**
On the heels of our December meeting and improving our external relations, CEO Matt invited three members from the natural resource field to address SAF and introduce ways that SAF and these partners can be more relevant to each other and to the broad field of forestry.

Speakers David Tenny, CEO, National Alliance of Forest Owners; Donna Harman, CEO, American Forest and Paper Association; and Joe Tague, Division Chief, Forestry, Range, Riparian and Plant Conservation Bureau of Land Management, made clear (or perhaps reinforced), the notion that SAF's partners in the natural resources conservation community perceive the Society as the voice for credible, science-based information on forest management.
They do not necessarily look to SAF to take a leadership role in advocating for forest management. The board wants to encourage, and challenge, our state and local SAF leaders to be the voice of credible, science-based information on forest management on relevant issues in their area both inside, and outside, the forest community.

**Leadership Development Efforts**
In what was the first of a series of sessions with the board members and other forestry stakeholders, effective leadership consultant Mark Cannon led members through an exercise in which they ranked the attributes of effective leadership by order of importance to foresters and forestry professionals. According to the board, the top five ranked attributes were: Visionary, Ethical, Competence, Communicative, and Results-Oriented Cannon will be working with SAF's staff to further identify key leadership attributes as the underpinnings for creating a leadership

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edgement that forestry is not the main threat to NLEB—and may be beneficial to the species.

**Tim Phelps the Chair of the House of Society Delegates put forth the following:**

HSD now has a strengthened role on the SAF Board of Directors under the new Bylaws approved by the membership last fall. At its December meeting, the Board identified a number of items on the agenda that will require HSD involvement this year. These include:

- discussion on the proposed membership category changes that were dropped from the 2014 ballot initiatives
- continue and expand recognition of local SAF unit and member accomplishments
- Consider options for bringing back the national leadership academy; while this successful program was dropped in recent years due to cost and shrinking attendance, the Board recognizes the benefits and successes of current regional programs and is exploring ways to make leadership training again available to all SAF units.
- provide state societies the information needed to ensure that local meetings and other events have appropriate insurance coverage
- continue to work with the National Student Assembly to develop an SAF mentoring program in cooperation with the Board's development of a mentoring portal on the redesigned website
- consider including HSD in the annual "360 review" assessing the Board's performance
- support President Alverts' and Vice President Seely's goal to "grow the pie" in all dimensions and identify and prepare future SAF leaders to "let the rookies play"

We continue to look for new methods or to recycle some of the old. So if anything in the above comments interests you, please contact us, the full board of the House of Delegates will meet at the SAF National Convention in November in Louisiana. There is early discussion on having the 2018 meeting as a joint meeting with New York and the possibility of bringing the National meeting back to New England in 2020.

Remember we are your society and we are only as strong as our members, so think about the profession and how you can enhance it

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development curricula for SAF. The staff is working with the board to design a three-tiered leadership development program that includes "101-level" online leadership development courses designed to serve as a foundation for further, more intensive opportunities at both the regional and national levels.

**Improved Governance and Internal Operations**

*Board Policy Manual*

The Board of Directors adopted the governance concepts, approach, and framework expressed in the book, *Good Governance for Nonprofits*, as its governance roadmap. Given the recently redeveloped Articles of Incorporation and revised bylaws, the board members used the book at the December 2014 board meeting to develop an initial understanding of what good board governance should be. The board's acceptance of this roadmap does not alter how the board operates. The Roadmap codifies existing policies on effective board governance in a new Board Policy Manual and provides a framework for review and evaluation of board policy.

**Financial Reserve Policy**

The Board voted to pass a financial reserve policy, which states that SAF is to maintain cash reserves to meet the goals of:

• Having sufficient cash for day-to-day operations – (Operating Cash Reserve)

• Having sufficient and readily available cash for contingencies – (Contingency Reserve)

• Maintaining long-term investments in order to meet significant programmatic needs through growth and earnings (Long-Term Reserves).

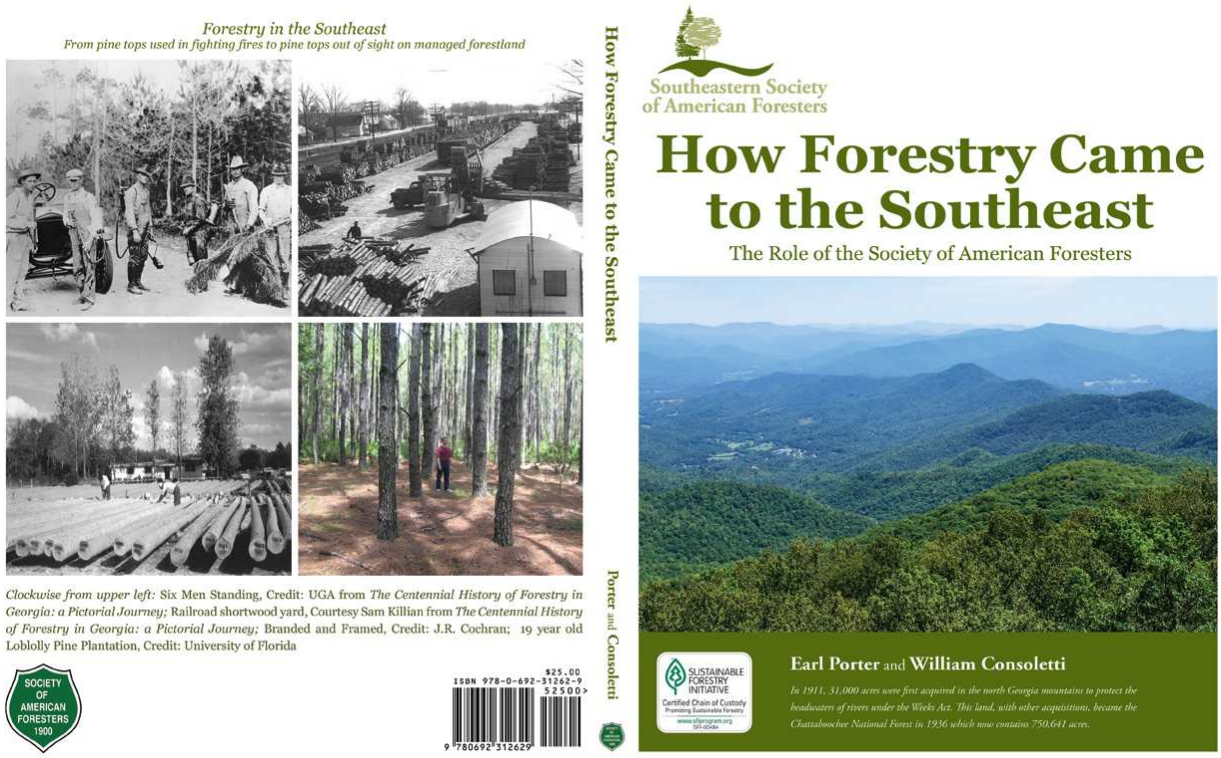
The policy also places limits on the use of the reserve funds by requiring monies to be repaid if used for programmatic or contingency needs.

Also, please call Patricia Adadevoh or Louise Murgia for event insurance. They will have the appropriate information for your state or local event.

Be safe out there.

# NESAF Winter Meeting 2015 in Fairlee, Vermont

# Book Corner




The rise of the conservation movement in the late nineteenth century led to the rise of forestry in the United States. Among the pioneers of forestry in the U.S, Gifford Pinchot stands tall. He was a prime mover of the conservation movement his entire life. Under his guidance and perseverance, the Forest Service was established. He founded the Society of American Forestry in 1900 to provide a vehicle for sharing information on the science of forestry with the Division of Forestry employees. The Forest Service practiced scientific forestry on the national forests and managed them as a working forest to show landowners how to replant a harvested forest. For forestry to be practiced in the Southeast, landowners had to believe that planting and growing trees would be profitable and that fire would be controlled. Earl Porter, Historian of the Southeastern Section from 1967 – 1980, had been part of the establishment of forest industry in the Southeast from the 1930's to the 1960's. He wanted to tell the story of how forestry was established in the Southeastern Section of the Society of American Foresters. He gathered information from sixty of his colleagues and prepared a "History of the Southeastern Section of SAF". It went unpublished from 1980 until 2008 when Bill Consoletti, the current Historian, enlisted the aid of six SESAF foresters to bring the story up to date.

The first section of the book covers the beginning of forestry in the United States and presents the growth of the forest products industry and the development of plantation silviculture. The last section presents the last forty years of forestry in the Southeast in the era of regulation, mergers, the rise of TIMOs and REITs, the change in forestland ownership and the burgeoning biomass industry.

Finally the book documents the history of the Southeastern Society of American Foresters. Listings are provided of those foresters from the Southeast who have been recognized as SAF Fellows, Hall of Fame foresters, and of those honored as SESAF and national SAF award winners. Photographs of state forestry leaders of the four original Southeastern Section states, namely Alabama, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, are included, many of whom were and

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# DIVISION NEWS

## Maine - Anthony Filauro

**A National Park?**
Over the past several years' proponents have supported the creation of a national park on private lands along the east boundary of Baxter State Park. Supporters believe a national park would economically benefit the Katahdin area and preserve Maine's forestlands. However, opponents believe a national park would stifle businesses that rely on products harvested from Maine's forestlands and limit traditional recreational activities that would be restricted under national park regulations.

An editorial authored by Bob Frank, retired research forester with the USFS, Penobscot Experimental Forest, published in the February 21 edition of the Bangor Daily News, recommends the creation of a national forest in lieu of a national park. Bob indicates that the White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire and Maine receives significant use by the public. The level of annual use exceeds the number of visitors to Acadia National Park. A national forest offers the opportunity for continued timber management within the area proposed for a park and would permit more diverse recreational activities than would be allowed under national park regulations. This recommendation offers an option to proponents and opponents of a Federal presence in the Katahdin area and is an idea worth considering.

**Timber Harvesting in Shore land Areas**
Rules are being proposed to transfer permit-granting authority for timber harvesting in shore land zones from the Department of Environmental Protection to the Bureau of Forestry – MFS. This change will reconcile differences between water crossing standards as outlined in the Natural Resources Protection Act and standards included in Maine Forest Service's Chapter 21 - "Statewide Standards for Timber Harvesting and Related Activities in Shore land Areas".

A copy of the proposed changes is available from Patti Roberts, Maine Forest Service, 22 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333. Telephone: (207) 287-2791.

E-mail: Patti.Roberts@Maine.gov

**Summer Field Tours**
On June 19, a field tour will be held in Windsor, Maine that will focus on "Restoration Silviculture for Small Woodlots: Beech Management, Pine/Oak Planting, and Browse/Weevil Protection". The tour will focus on vegetation control and artificial regeneration, with emphasis on regenerating white pine and red oak. Inquiries can be addressed to Dr. Brian Roth: brian.roth@maine.edu, (207) 944-1392.

On August 26, a field tour will be held at the Wells Demonstration Forest in Milford, ME. The tour will focus on white pine management and the Sunkhaze Stream Management Area. Inquiries can be addressed to Kirby Ellis at kellis@ellisnursery.com

A third field trip is scheduled for July; however the theme, date and location of the field tour were not finalized prior to publication of the Quarterly. Addition information about the tours will be available on the MESAF website: www.mesaf.org

**Changes within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry**

Forest Rangers: Governor Paul LePage has proposed to reduce the number of Maine's forest rangers by 22 positions and remove the law enforcement responsibilities of the rangers who remain. Seven (7) new personnel will assume the law enforcement responsibilities of the rangers that are now performing this work.

Currently, Forest Ranges annually handle 4,000 calls addressing law violations; perform 3,500 investigations, and respond to 12,000 requests for forestry services.

Bureau of Public Lands: The LePage Administration has proposed eliminating the Bureau of Public Lands and will transfer the management of 400,000 acres of timberlands to the Maine Forest Service and transfer the management of 200,000 acres of state parks to the Department of Conservation. The Maine Legislature is discussing specifics about these changes, which will shed light on the possible benefits and disadvantages.

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Timber Harvesting: The Bureau of Public Lands has indicated its intent to increase harvest volumes on state owned forestlands from an annual harvest of 141,000 cords to an annual harvest of 180,000 cords. The additional harvest would increase revenues to the state and allow for more intensive management of Maine's 400,000 acres of public forestlands. A similar proposal, made by the LePage Administration in 2014, was met with resistance due to concerns about over harvesting. The increased harvest volume would equate to the removal of 0.45 cds/ac/yr.

The forest community and the public are encouraged to become familiar with the issues involving these proposed changes and to express their views about the changes to their state legislators.

**PLT Teachers' Tours**

In 2015, the Maine Tree Foundation is sponsoring two teachers' tours: July 14-17 in the Rangeley Lakes / Western Maine area, and July 28-31 at Leen's Lodge on West Grand Lake in Downeast Maine. The tours bring individuals together from the education and forest communities, to expand appreciation for Maine's natural resources. Information about the tours is available at www.mainetreefoundation.org or call 207-621-9872.

# Connecticut - Mel Harder

**CTSAF Winter Meeting**

On February 24, 2015 about 30 CTAF members attended the winter meeting held at the Connecticut Forest & Park Association in Rockfall, CT. Chair Dan Peracchio opened the business meeting. Chair Elect Jeremy Clark presented minutes from the last meeting and the financial report. Dan gave the Chair's report and Mel Harder gave a NESAF update.

The program presenters were Paul Catanzaro, UMASS Extension, who discussed conservation based estate planning. Sean Grace, Director of the Sharon Audubon Center discussed *Foresters for the Birds*. Utilization was discussed by Todd Bedard of CT Mulch Distributor of Enfield CT, and Bill Haines of Future Forestry, Rockfall CT, a harvester of witch hazel. CEU certificates were handed out and pizza for all ordered.

Paul Catanzaro, UMASS Ext., discusses conservation based estate planning

**ALLERT - DEADLY TICK BORNE VIRUS DETECTED IN CT**

Powassan virus is a virus transmitted by ticks. This disease it causes had its earliest origins in the town of Powassan, Ontario, found in a young boy who eventually died from it.
submitted by Jeffrey S. Ward, Chief Scientist, CT Ag. Exp. Station
Regarding the Powassan virus (POW encephalitis). Some older information can be found in a CT Post article from August 2012 (http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/Tick-borne-virus-in-state-not-people-4778101.php).
First the good news - luckily this virus remains rare in Connecticut and New England. Although it has been detected in ticks from Bridgeport, North Branford, and Old Lyme, there have been no reported human cases in state. Human disease cases have been much more common in New York where it is still rare. In addition, according to the CDC, many people who are infected with POW do not develop symptoms (http://www.cdc.gov/powassan/index.html).
Now the bad news, again according to the CDC, if you do get symptoms there is no specific medicine to cure or treat POW. Mortality rates are about 10% if you get POW encephalitis. We have been told that the virus can be transmitted within a couple of hours or less after being bitten, unlike the 24-48 hours you have for transmission of Lyme disease. Bottom line – be very vigilant and diligent about removing any attached ticks ASAP.

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**Southern Pine Beetle found in CT**
from: Gerard Milne, March 24 2015
Today Chris Donnelly and I went with Claire Rutledge and Adriana L. Arango Velez of the Connecticut Ag. Experiment Station to several places to check for Southern Pine Beetle.

1. Pitch Pines Park on Bradley St. in North Haven ( a town park)- we found about a half dozen pitch pines (spread over 11 acres) with popcorn resins. Claire and Adriana took samples to bring back to the lab for identification.
2. Wharton Brook State Park- we flagged with pink flagging about 20 red pines with popcorn resins or that are already dead (cause not confirmed). These are all near the entrance. A few are near Rt. 5 or near the wires next to Rt.5. These are confirmed SPB and should all be cut down. Claire and Adriana would like to be there to collect samples.
3. Shepard St., Hamden- a ¼-acre lot on private land next to houses that happens to have pitch pine and red pine. A red pine had popcorn resins. Samples were taken for identification.
4. Naugatuck State Forest, Mt. Sanford Block, Downs Road, Hamden. About 10 Scot's

Popcorn resin on hard pine in CT, evidence of southern pine beetle infestation

Pines were flagged (pink) that had popcorn resin. Samples were taken for positive identification. The few red pines in this plantation did not have popcorn resin.

**From:** Claire Rutledge, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
**Sent:** March 24, 2015
We have brought the samples from today's traveling and confirmed SPB in 3 new sites. We now have 4 positive site ID's, Wharton Brook, North Haven Pitch Pines Park, Shepard St opposite Eaton Woods in Hamden, and the Mt. Sanford Block.

Southern Pine Beetle

We also have 3 host species, pitch pine, red pine and Scot's pine.

It would be wonderful if everybody who knows where some hard pines are could take a look. It is a pretty easy bug to spot thanks to the popcorn resin (official terminology). If you do see any let me know.
Still unknown is whether the beetles are successfully overwintering. I dissected some bark from Wharton Brook on Friday and found live late instar larvae in the bark, so the odds are high that at least some of them will be emerging as soon as it warms up.

State Forester Chris Martin sent out the following notice on March 24.
Keeping folks up to date on SPB in CT.
Given today's information we are asking all to take a close look at hard pines (pitch pine, red pine and Scot's pine) at their work general locations and report back to Claire (cc'd) location of trees with "popcorn" resin. Please see attached pics. Further guidance on next steps will occur once we have a better idea how widespread SPB is.

# State News

## Massachusetts – Bill Hill

**Working Forest Initiative**

The Working Forest Initiative will soon be entering its 8th year. The DCR Working Forest Initiative is a suite of programs designed to aid landowners in sustainable forest management and long-term conservation; while providing local forest products to our economy, enhancing wildlife habitat for declining species and permanently protecting forest land.

Since its inception in 2009:

- **1,039 landowners** received Forest Stewardship plans
- **87,331 acres** of land enrolled in long-term sustainable management
- 75% of landowners duel **enroll in Ch61,** the Massachusetts current use program
- **69 towns** have received forest resource plans totaling **24,031 acres** of municipal land
- **11 Community Stewardship grants** have lead to invasive species removal, habitat restoration, trail signage and maintenance
- 2 town forest celebrations, Fitchburg and Weston, providing informational resources and inspiration to **over 200 municipal officials**, members of non-profits and general public
- Started a "**Foresters for the Birds**" program modeled after the Vermont program
- Presentation of "Foresters for the Birds" program at **MassAudubon 23rd birder's conference**
- **13 bird habitat** management plans on **1,300 acres** of private land focused on management of 12 priority bird species
- Provided financial resources for the highly successful **UMass estate planning program**
- Started a **Due Diligence grant program** to provide funding for ancillary costs of appraisal, title, survey, closing costs, and environment site assessment for those landowners who are willing to donate a conservation restriction on their land

**Wood Bank**

A town wood bank has been started in Petersham as part of a USFS LSR grant to create public/private partnership to empower landowners to engage in coordinated forest management, combat invasive species, and provide thermal energy to neighbors who are in need. Goals of this grant project include developing a network of home heating assistance "wood banks" in 3 municipalities using 120 cords of donated firewood to serve 90 LIHEAP eligible families and to organize forest landowners and community members to provide 500 hours of volunteer service to process donated firewood into usable energy for 3 community wood banks.

**UMass Extension**

In its 27th year, the MA Keystone program, organized by UMass Extension, has accepted 25 more excellent local community conservation spokespersons for its 3-day training in April at the Harvard Forest. In return for training on forestry and wildlife, Keystone cooperators agree to return to their communities to serve as spokespersons or advocates for conservation at the local level. This year's class of Keystone cooperators was selected from a competitive pool of over 70 applicants. They will join the informal network of over 400 active Keystone cooperators throughout MA. Important financial sponsors of the MA Keystone program include: the MA chapter of The Nature Conservancy, MA Dept of Conservation and Recreation, and the Harvard Forest.

# Granite State - Jon Nute

The GSD held their annual Winter Meeting on February 13th. This year GSD asked for meeting sponsors and LandVest generously provided. The meeting was well attended with a final headcount of 148. Speakers covered topics about Emerald Ash Borer and the NH outbreak, spruce budworm concerns, and a panel discussion was held about the northern long-eared bat. Several awards were presented during the meeting including the Forester of the Year and an Outstanding Contribution to the Forestry Community Award.

This year the Forester of the Year award went to Peter Howland, of Conway, NH. Howland has worked in the industry for over 40 years. He has worked for Cersosimo Lumber Company, one of the largest producers of hardwoods and pine lumber in New England. He has volunteered thousands of hours to the forest products industry and his local community. He's served on the NH Joint Board of Licensure for Foresters, as a director for the GSDSAF, and is currently the CP of the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association (NHTOA). Howland has also served locally on his school board and Board of Selectmen.

The Granite State Division also presented a recognition award to Eric Johnson for his Outstanding Contribution to the Forestry Community. Johnson, who lives in Andover, N.H. is the program director for the NHTOA. He develops landowner, logger and forester training programs. During his time at NHTOA he has worked hard to develop and foster positive relationships between loggers and foresters by reaching across the industry to work with many partners, including SAF, in developing some of the best training programs in the region.

Departing officers were recognized for their service including Brooks McCandlish who served on the committee as the Tree Farm Representative. Thank you to Inge Seaboyer who provided three amazing prints for our award recipients.

One student from each of the three Forestry degree programs at UNH were named student of the year and were awarded a $1,000 check. This year's recipients were Josh Kozikowski from the Thomson School, Meghan Thornton from the UNH undergrad program and Samuel Taylor from the UNH graduate program.

The GSD-SAF committee is currently looking at venues in the southern part of the state to hold the meeting next year. The goal is to rotate the meeting location between the northern part of the state one year and the southern part the next year. Ultimately this will provide easier opportunities for more foresters in the state to attend. Be on the lookout for SAF co-sponsored educational programs later in the year including white tail deer management.

# Congratulations to the Quiz Bowl Winners!

Quiz Bowl winners from University of Vermont

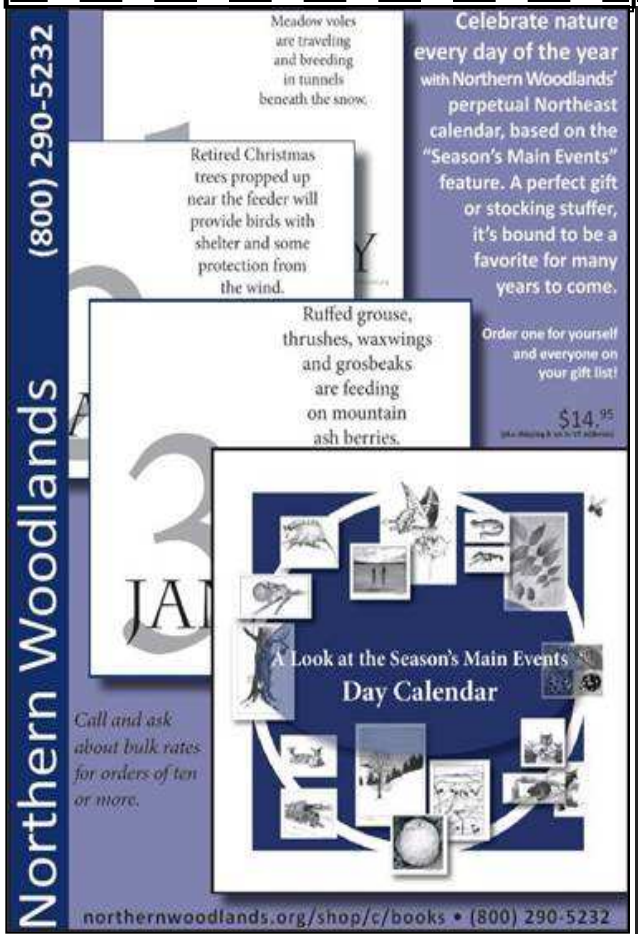
The University of Vermont were the victors this year!

## National Field Forester Award

Just a friendly reminder that the deadline for the National Field Forester Award is *May 15th*.

NESAF members are to send their nominations to the board (Council) representative by this date.

Thanks!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# Vermont - Bill Peterson

**Vermont Foresters Converge on State Capital, Eat Big Breakfast**

In a meeting with State Legislators and State Agency Leaders on Thursday, February 12th, policy issues related to Vermont's forests and forestry practices were discussed over a hot breakfast. Although the cold and snowy conditions made travel somewhat difficult, more than 20 foresters and 10 state leaders met over breakfast at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Montpelier, the nation's smallest capital city. Thirty-one people attended the morning session, leaving with renewed acquaintances, full bellies, and hopefully a greater understanding on forest policy issues within the Green Mountain state of Vermont.

After the deluxe breakfast was served to the crowd, Green Mountain Division Chair Charlie Hancock kicked off the meeting with introductions and recognition to members in the early morning crowd. Noted attendees included the Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Energy and House Transportation committees, respectively, along with the ranking member of the House Agriculture and Forest Products committee. Additionally, state representatives from the House Appropriations and Natural Resources and Energy committees attended the early morning gathering, along with the agriculture and natural resources congressional staffer from Senator Bernie Sanders' office.

Discussion topics on forest policy ranged from a legislative priority to make previously voluntary forest practice rules mandatory, upcoming legislation that aims to prevent forest fragmentation, to recent plans for licensing foresters in Vermont. Attendees were provided a prepared policy booklet from the Green Mountain Division listing ten (10) position statements previously adopted at the state, New England, and national SAF levels. Position statements spanned the range of SAF-adopted policy issues, including private property rights, climate change, biodiversity, clearcutting as a silvicultural practice, and utilization of forest biomass for energy. In addition, the SAF code of ethics was included in the policy booklet to draw attention to the rigorous membership principles and pledges that feature prominently in this professional society.

Four (4) Green Mountain Division members from the University of Vermont's student chapter also attended, interacting with the agency, congressional staff, and legislative leaders. Questions raised included discussions on student member mentoring, forester certification versus licensing, and concerns over limited flexibility in accepting forest certification credits regarding professional work experience.

The legislative breakfast was hosted for the incoming 2015-16 state legislature, with a goal to establish or renew relationships with legislators early in the legislative session. This event was sponsored, in part, from a generous Forester's Fund grant, along with funding from the Green Mountain Division, corporate and individual member donations.

For more information or a copy of the policy booklet prepared for this event, contact Green Mountain Division Policy Chair Bill Peterson at forester-bp@att.net.

# Rhode Island - Chris Modisette

**News from RIDEM – Division of Forest Environment**

**RIFCO Woodland Summit**

RI Chapter members are involved in the development of the RI Woodland Summit to be held on May 9, 2015 at the Canonicus Camp & Conference Center in Exeter, RI. The RI Forest Conservator's Org. (RIFCO) and the newly-formed RI Woodland Partnership are co-sponsoring the event, along with its partner organizations, including the RI Tree Farm Program. The day-long event will feature indoor and outdoor presentations and workshops, and will help RIFCO celebrate its 25th Anniversary in 2015. Funding from a grant from GZA, Inc. and the American Forest Foundation will help make this event possible. For more information visit the RIFCO website at www.rifco.org.

**Rhode Island Woodland Partnership**

Several members of the chapter have been involved in an effort to organize an emerging "Rhode Island Woodland Partnership." The goal of this coalition is to increase the impact of forest conservation efforts in Rhode Island through coordination and information sharing among partners. This past February the Partnership submitted a Climate Change Position Statement Governor Gina Raimondo and Janet Coit, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. According to Chapter member Christopher Riely who is serving as the Partnership's volunteer coordinator, the statement provides "a brief background on the ways that trees and woodlands moderate climate and weather and benefit people. Further, it offers recommendations for actions that the State could take to strengthen forest conservation and stewardship". For more information on this position statement and the Rhode Island Woodland partnership visit: http://www.rifco.org/ri-woodland-partnership.htm.

The **Rhode Island Woodland Partnership** sponsored a visit by Maria Janowiak (U.S. Forest Service) and Danielle Shannon (Michigan Tech University) of the Northern Institute for Applied Climate Science (NIACS) who spent the day in Rhode Island to meet with partners in this state, discuss ideas for further collaboration, and scope out on-the-ground climate adaptation project sites (including Providence Water and the University of Rhode Island). NIACS has been at the leading edge of developing forest adaptation resources, including climate change tools and approaches for land managers.

Representatives from the USDA Northeast Climate Hub visited the University of Rhode Island (URI) on Feb 24, 2015. The visit included an update by Hub on current activities, lessons learned in other states, discussion on climate-related agriculture and forestry activities, collaboration between URI and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and opportunities for future collaboration in the state. The meeting was coordinated by Chapter member Bill Buffum who is URI's liaison to the Northeast Climate Hub and was attended by Chapter member Chris Modisette from USDA NRCS. More information of the USDA Climate Hubs may be found at: http://www.usda.gov/oce/climate_change/regional_hubs.htm.

**Election Results**

The following officers were elected during the most recent NESAF/RISAF elections: Rob MacMillan -RI NESAF Representative; Chris Modisette – RI Chapter Cahir; Tom Dupree – RI Chapter Vice-Chair; Rob MacMillan – RI Chapter Secretary-Treasurer.

**News from RIDEM – Division of Forest Environment Urban and Community Forestry** - In July 2014, RIDEM released a report titled "Releafing Rhode – The Benefits of Urban Trees". In the report RIDEM makes the case for the role of tree planting and canopy cover, particularly in urban spaces, as a strategy that both addresses climate change and provides economic opportunity.

According to the report, "Strategically planting trees can be a simple yet powerful solution to a host of problems. Trees, planted in the right location, can reduce urban heat and energy costs, sequester carbon dioxide, remove harmful air pollutants, reduce stormwater runoff, protect watersheds, raise property values, and more. Providence, Warwick, Newport, and other Rhode Island communities have already implemented ambitious tree planting programs".

Given the context of a changing climate and Rhode Island's commitment to climate change adaptation and mitigation, RIDEM believes it is imperative that Rhode Island develops a program to increase tree canopy coverage throughout the state, particularly in urban spaces. To quote the report, "With a strong tree-planting program, Rhode Island can create the resilient economy and society envisioned in the recent climate change legislation. Given the economic and aesthetic benefits of planting trees, a strong tree-planting program is an important, and cost-efficient, component of a revitalized Rhode Island economy."

For more information on this report, contact Tee Jay Boudreau, Coordinator for the Urban and Community Forestry Program, Rhode Island Department of Envi-

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ronmental Management, Division of Forest Environment at 401-222-2445 extension 2059 or by email at TeeJay.Boudreau@DEM.RI.GOV.

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**2014 President's Field Forester Award**
A Presidential Field Forester Award was presented to Hans T. Bergey at the SAF national Convention this past October. An SAF member since 1956 and retired Watershed Manager for the Providence Water Supply Board and a consulting forester, Hans has been involved with forestry in Rhode Island for almost 55 years beginning soon after he graduated from Yale University in 1959. Hans spent 31 years developing the watershed management program for Providence Water and authored numerous articles and presentations on the status of watershed management programs and recreational uses of public drinking water supplies.

Since his retirement from Providence Water in 1990, Hans has been active as a forestry consultant with some of Rhode Island's largest landowners. In addition, Hans continues to serve on the boards of a variety of forestry and conservation organizations and advisory committees to include the Rhode Island Forest Conservators Organization, the RI Tree Farm Program, the RI Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee, and USDA NRCS's Forestry Subcommittee.

An engaged member of SAF at the national, regional, and state levels, Hans has served in a variety of positions, including Past Chair of NESAF, Past Member of the NESAF Executive Committee, Past Chair and Executive Committee Member of the Yankee Division, Past Chair of the RI Chapter, Member of the Program Committee for the SAF National Convention held in Boston, Member of the SAF National Membership Committee representing District VI, Member of the SAF Taskforce on ORV's, and member of the Yankee Division Policy Committee.

For his commitment to SAF he was awarded Yankee Division's ***Outstanding Forester Award*** in 1990 and elected to the position of SAF ***Fellow*** by his New England peers in 2000. In 2004 he was awarded the New England Society of American Foresters ***Distinguished Service Award***.

**Providence Water**
Chapter members Rob MacMillan and Christopher Riely continue to coordinate free public field tours on Providence Water's watershed forest during different seasons of the year. These walking tours visit project sites on different parts of the property and are designed to give people a better understanding of forestry and land management issues. These tours have been tremendously popular with the general public.

**Rhode Island Climate Change Legislation**
In June 2014, the Rhode Island legislature passed the companion bills S2952 and H7904. This legislation assigns the Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council as well as various state agencies with the responsibility to identify strategies that help Rhode Island reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate as cost efficiently as possible. The strategic planting of trees incorporates both of these tasks. The primary aim of the legislation was to create a framework for addressing climate change from which strategies for adaptation and mitigation could be derived.

The ultimate goals are to "reduce emissions, strengthen the resilience of communities, and prepare for the effects of climate change." Moreover, the language of the legislation indicates that the strategies devised to meet these goals should be cost effective, account for vulnerable populations, and provide economic opportunity.

Additionally, the legislation codified greenhouse gas reduction targets of ten percent below 1990 levels by 2020, forty-five percent below 1990 levels by 2035, and eighty percent below 1990 levels by 2050. In sum, the recently passed climate change legislation sought to promote an economy and society that was resilient in the face of a changing climate.

**RI Woodland Partnership**
Several chapter members, including Christopher Riely, Chris Modisette, Bill Buffum, Tom Abbott, Marc Tremblay, and Paul Dolan, have continued to lead efforts to build a regional forest conservation partnership (RCP) in this state. The partnership is a collaboration among foresters, landowners, conservationists, and professionals who represent public agencies, small consulting businesses, and non-profit organizations. Individuals representing 14 different organizations have participated to date at varying levels of

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commitment. The mission of this emerging coalition is to "Increase the impact of woodland conservation efforts through coordination and information sharing among partners."

In 2014 the partnership convened two open meetings that engaged representatives from about 12 organizations including government agencies, environmental nonprofits, and the University of RI. At its September forum, the climate working group agreed to continue to work to develop a strategy for advancing the cause for RI's forests (both urban and rural) as it relates to climate change policy.

As a first step, the climate working group has been developing a position statement on "The Importance of Rhode Island's Forests in Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change." This statement advocates for (1) empowering the RI Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) with the resources needed to accomplish its mission in light of climate change and (2) advancing the role of forests and forest stewardship to foster a culture of conservation in RI's climate future, both on public and private lands.

The signed statement was presented to RIDEM Director Janet Coit and new Governor Gina Raimondo by early 2015. During the fall election campaign, the incoming governor was very responsive to climate issues. To view the position statement visit www.rifco.org.

For more information about the partnership contact Christopher Riely, CF Forest Supervisor, Providence Water, Tel (401) 521-6300 ext. 7313 or criely@provwater.com

**RI SAF sponsored the forestry section of the 2014 RI Envirothon Competition**

Chapter members involved included Paul Dolan, Marc Tremblay, Tom Abbott, Christopher Riely, Chris Modisette, Will Walker and Rob MacMillan.

**NACD Meeting Sponsorship**

This year's NACD Northeast Regional Meeting for the National Association of Conservation Districts was held from August 24-26th in Newport, RI. The RI Chapter of SAF was a sponsor of the meeting along with the Rhode Island Tree Farm Committee and the Rhode Island Forest Conservators Organization. Chapter members were involved in a presentation dealing with small scale forestry issues, a walking tour of the Marble House mansion and its historic trees, and a half day field tour including stops at Snake Den Farm - A 150 acre historic working farm currently state owned and managed by Northern RI Conservation District, stormwater education projects in North Scituate Village designed to protect the Scituate Reservoir, and the Joslin Farm owned by Providence Water Supply Board which is the site a 60 acre NRCS wildlife habitat restoration project.

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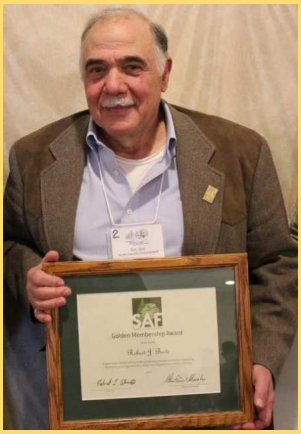

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