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Forestry Awareness Days RECAP

Thank you to all our members who braved the first ever VIRTUAL Forestry Awareness WEEK last week! Sailing off to uncharted

territory, a core group of members spent time over the course of three days meeting virtually with legislators from across the state.

Issues discussed included the Extended Producer Responsibility Program, Freshwater Wetlands Legislation, Streams Legislation, and the Clean Fuel Standards. We also discussed the emerging Climate Recommendations for forestry in the Climate Action Council.

Members spent time getting to know the predominantly downstate legislators and their staff, introducing the Association, our policies and showing how forests are the natural solution to climate change.

Members noted the positive feedback and general interest in our positions and requests for feedback and possible language for some of the amendments we proposed. Several offices also have asked for mill and forests tours in the summer and fall.

Special thanks to members of New York Forest Owners Association, The Ruffed Grouse Society and the NY Society of American Foresters who dedicated a great deal of their time and effort to make FAD-Week a success!!!

Regulators and Rebels

Since April 5, the Adirondack Explorer has been publishing a nine-part series of the at-times contentious campaign to create the Adirondack



NYS Climate Impact Assessments: Call for Experts and Stakeholders

Deadline for applications is April 28, 2021

NYSERDA is launching an ambitious effort to assess how climate change will affect New York's communities, ecosystems, and economy. The "[New York State Climate Impacts Assessment: Understanding and Preparing for Our Changing Climate](#)", will include updated climate projections, in-depth climate change impacts on New York State, adaptation strategies, and case studies. It is anticipated that this assessment may inform climate choices at all levels of decision making in the state.

To ensure that the process and resulting information reflect the current state of science and New York's unique concerns, NYSERDA is seeking involvement from engaged and knowledgeable people from across the state and its many colleges and universities, communities, peoples, and businesses. **Interested individuals can apply to serve in a workgroup or on an advisors' panel.** NYSERDA strongly encourages applicants who represent the diversity of New York State.

As a contractor to NYSERDA, Eastern Research Group (ERG) will be responsible for subcontracting with the experts and stakeholders to support the assessment, as well as communications and outreach services to develop and disseminate various end products.

If you or someone you know is interested in helping with this important effort, please respond to the call for experts and stakeholders. **The deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday, April 28, 2021. [Apply here.](#)**

A similar assessment was done in 2014 and can be

Park Agency, which marks its 50th anniversary this year. Adapted from a book, “*A Wild Idea: How the Environmental Movement Tamed the Adirondacks*,” author Brad Edmonson interviewed more than 50 individuals who fought for and against the APA. The series of articles is complete and available [here](#).

found [here](#) for review.

NYSDERDA and ERG seek experts in eight sectors to serve in sector-based Technical Workgroups (TWGs) and provide expertise and technical input on four cross-cutting topics, as presented in the following table.

ReLeaf Webinar Series: Climate Change and Community Forest Programs

May 6 at 12 p.m. – 1:15 p.m

Join NYS ReLeaf’s Hudson Valley committee for a webinar on Climate and Community Forest programs. This lunchtime webinar will introduce you to programs that can help your community get climate smart and prepare your community forest for the future.

Angelica Patterson (master science educator, [Black Rock Forest](#) and PhD candidate Columbia University) will talk about how plants are responding to warming climate and the factors driving climate-induced tree migrations, while Andy Hillman (arborist, urban forestry consultant, [NYS Urban Forestry Council](#)) will present a selection of trees from other regions evaluated for the northeast and the importance of considering hardy cultivars for future climates, and Dazzle Ekblad (Office of Climate Change, NYS DEC) will introduce the [Climate Smart Communities](#) program and how to get started with climate smart programs in your community.

Registration is free but required; [register now via Webex](#).

Contact urbanforestry@dec.ny.gov with questions.

Sectors	Cross Cutting Topics
1. Agriculture 2. Buildings 3. Ecosystems 4. Energy 5. Human health and safety 6. Society and economy 7. Transportation 8. Water resources	A. Environmental justice and underserved communities B. Municipal government concerns C. Coastal issues (marine and estuarine) D. Great Lakes issues

Based on the 2014 report and information about this assessment, forest and the wood products sector will be addressed in the Ecosystems Sector. To ensure that the process and resulting information reflect the current state of science and New York’s unique concerns, ERG is seeking involvement from engaged and knowledgeable people from across the state.

Applicants are sought for three levels of responsibility within each TWG:

- TWG Chairs (or Co-Chairs)
- TWG Members
- Sector Advisors

It is anticipated that the assessment will be developed over a period of 18 to 24 months. Applicants must be willing and able to perform the duties of their position during the entire timeframe of the assessment. Depending on need and/or the level of participation, technical experts are offered compensation for their engagement.

Details and FAQs for the Call For Experts and Stakeholders can be found [here](#).

More information from ERG can be found [here](#).



Webinars on the Agriculture & Forestry CLCPA Recommendations

On April 13th ESFPA held the first of 3 webinars on the forestry recommendation of the Climate Action Council Agriculture & Forestry Advisory Panel. These webinars are being co-hosted by the Adirondack Landowners Association, the New York Forest Owners Association and the New York Society of American Foresters.

The purpose of these webinars is to present the



advisory panel recommendations as they were presented to the Climate Action Council. Commissioner Richard Ball (Ag. & Markets Commissioner) presented the full set of recommendations to the Climate Action Council April 12th along with the Agriculture recommendations of the Advisory Panel ([see here](#)).

The full CAC has to get presentations from 7 Advisory panels and then they need to select those that they want to bring forward. This is not going to happen too quickly, but they do have to have a draft Scoping Plan by December 31st.

ESFPA will host two additional webinars on the recommendations on April 28th at 6:30 p.m. those relating to Avoided Conversion and on May 4th at 6:30 p.m. those related the Bioeconomy. Please register for those events below:

Wednesday, April 28th, 6:30 pm – 8 pm – Avoided Conversion Recommendations – [REGISTER HERE](#)

Tuesday, May 4th, 6:30 pm – 8 pm – Bioeconomy Recommendations – [REGISTER HERE](#)

The April 13th webinar focused on those recommendations aimed at improving forest management and enabling New York's forests to sequester more carbon in the forest and in harvested wood products. If you were unable to join us for the April 13th presentation you can view it [here](#).