

WOOD-LAND-LAKES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Tri-State Woodland & Wildlife Workshop

** Attention Woodland Owners **

Forestry and Wildlife experts from Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan will be on hand to present a variety of topics and answer your questions at this unique workshop.

Session topics include:

- ~ Woodland Management
- ~ Identification & Uses
- ~ Nuisance Wildlife
- ~ Inventory
- ~ Marketing
- ~ Wildlife Census
- ~ Timber Harvest
- ~ Financial Considerations
- ~ Bats
- ~ Insects & Disease
- ~ Tax Considerations
- ~ Winter Tree ID
- ~ Pond Management

Some sessions will be indoors and others will be outdoors. There will be an area of displays and other information, as well as a setting where you can talk with presenters one-on-one to get your questions answered.

Saturday, November 3, 2007

8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bryan Middle School (Bryan, Ohio)

Pre-registration required ~ \$30 per person before October 26, \$40 after.

Workshop includes lunch and Woodland Management Resource CD.

For more information contact:

**Ohio State University Extension,
Williams County at 419.636.5608**

or

<http://woodlandstewards.osu.edu>



Fall 2007

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Fall Forage Field Day & Tour "Supplemental Feed in a Dry Year" October 9, 2007 ~ 9am to 4pm

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to interact with livestock producers and experts in pasture management issues and concerns. The field day should prove interesting, considering our local weather conditions this year.

Meet in Ashley and ride a bus to farms in LaGrange and Elkhart Counties.

Stops will be made at:

**Bob Eash Farm
Cook's Bison Ranch
Marvin Kauffman Farm**

Additional information will be shared while driving past grazing locations.

Lunch provided by Cook's Bison Ranch

There is no charge for the tour. Pre-registration is necessary.

For more information, contact **Dona Hunter** at 260.463.3471, ext 3 or dona.hunter@in.nacdn.net

Northeast Indiana Homegrown

Contributed by: Kathy Adams

Wood-Land-Lakes has adopted a new group under our umbrella ~ Northeast Indiana Homegrown. Wood-Land-Lakes will be providing facilitation and financial administration as well as reviewing grant proposals.

The following is an excerpt from their Internet publication, "The Homegrown Herald". . .

What is our purpose and mission?

To educate the end consumer about the benefits of "buying local."

To exchange ideas and farming practices.

To develop new ways to market our products.

Please plan to attend the next meeting so that we can generate more ideas.

This group really is about you as a producer and the more input by more folks the better we can market our products!



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Hoppers for the Hungry

Excerpt from www.infarmbureau.org

Indiana Farm Bureau and the Indiana Grain and Feed Association are sponsoring a program called "Hoppers for the Hungry," which encourages grain farmers to donate a combine hopper of grain to a local food bank.

This public-private partnership links hunger service providers and food producers and processors from around the state. Indiana Farm Bureau's website states "nearly 600,000 Indiana residents go to bed hungry each night. Of that number, 190,000 are children."

Besides gaining satisfaction from helping to feed Indiana's hungry, "Hoppers for the Hungry" donations may also qualify as a charitable contribution under a provision of the IRS. Farmers should check with their tax advisor for details.

Additional information is available on the Indiana Farm Bureau website, www.infarmbureau.org.

You may also contact:

Don Villwock at 317.692.7750

Chris Fenner at 317.692.7844

Mindy Reef at 317.692.7822 or

mreef@infarmbureau.org.

Too Much of a Good Thing?!?!

Do you have extra fruits and vegetables from your garden? Are you getting tired of eating tomatoes and cucumbers? Some Indiana families do not get the opportunity to enjoy such luxuries as homegrown produce. Consider donating some of your surplus produce to local food banks and pantries. Call our office at **260.665.3211, ext 5**, to find a donation site near you.



Donations may even qualify as a charitable contribution under a provision of the IRS (check with tax advisor for details).

New & Completed Projects

Wood-Land-Lakes has recently adopted several new projects, as well as completed some others.

NEW

Recently Adopted Projects:

Goshen Farmland Buffer ~ Providing Permanent Land Protection for 80 Acres of Farmland

Mongo Land Protection ~ Providing Permanent Land Protection for 462 Acres of Farmland and Woodland

Northeast Indiana Homegrown ~ Providing Financial Administration and Facilitation

Round Barn Historic Restoration ~ Financial Administration for Fundraising Efforts

Recently Completed Projects:

Bio-Diesel Fuel ~ Promoted Sale and Use of Bio-Diesel Fuel

Indiana Rural Resource Guide ~ Contributed to Development of Comprehensive Resource Guide

Long Range Area Plan ~ Updated Long Range Area Plan

Pigeon Creek Watershed Plan (phase 1 - implementation) ~ Facilitated Watershed Plan Meetings

St. Joe River Watershed Awareness ~ Facilitated Meetings and Workshop

Stormwater Seminar ~ Co-sponsored a Workshop

Tree Planting Workshop ~ Co-Sponsored Workshop

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Friends of the St. Joe River



The Friends of the St. Joe River (Lake Michigan) elected its first slate of officers since its reorganization into the primary watershed council. The Board of Directors elected Indiana's **Matthew Meersman** as President, **Dona Hunter** as Secretary, **Danielle Meersman** as Treasurer. Board members include Indiana's **Ron Niezgodski** and **Tim Cataldo**.

Friends of the St. Joe is a bi-state organization dedicated to the watershed-wide protection and preservation of the St. Joe River. They are now the primary council for the entire St. Joseph River watershed.

The Friends are encouraging any individual or organization interested in the preservation and improvement of the river to become members of the organization.

For more information, visit www.fotsjr.org or call 269.695.0835.

Thank You

Wood-Land-Lakes is successful due to the support of Volunteers, Contributors and Sponsors. . . .

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Allen Haynes	Gretel Smith	Mike McCoy
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Bob Ledgerwood	Jenny Spittle	Paul Federspiel
Brian Campbell	Jim Penick	Richard Neff
Dick Haworth	Larry Mayers	Rick Meyer
Don Minter	Linda Neidrauer	Ron Oldsen
Frances Krauskopf	Lucy Miner	Ted Gilliom
Gene Lightner	Marcia McNaghy	

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Gene Yoder **John Hulewicz**

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All meetings of Wood-Land-Lakes serving DeKalb, Elkhart, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben and Whitley counties are open to the public. Anyone who wishes to attend will be welcome. For assistance with new projects, please contact a Council member to have your name and project placed on the agenda. Wood-Land-Lakes prohibits discrimination in its programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, political beliefs or family status. 9.07

Upcoming 2007 Events

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| SEPT | 18- | World Wide Water Monitoring Day | 16-18 | Hardwood Lumber Grading & Mfg., Ramada Inn, Elkhart. \$200. Contact Daniel Cassens (see Oct 9-10) |
| OCT | 18 | www.worldwatermonitoringday.org | | |
| OCT | 1-2 | Indiana Community Tree Stewards, 9-4, Franke Park, Ft. Wayne. Contact April Murray-Clayton at 317.915.9390 or amurray-clayton@dnr.in.gov | 19 | Walnut Lumber Grading & Mfg., Ramada Inn, Elkhart. \$75. Contact Daniel Cassens (see Oct 9-10) |
| | 6 | Flying WILD Basic Workshop, 9-12:30, Science Central, Ft. Wayne. Contact 260.424.2400 x451 or www.in.gov/dnr/nrec/calendar.html | 25 | Wood-Land-Lakes Council Meeting, 4pm Kendallville Public Library, Kendallville |
| | 9 | Fall Forage Field Day & Tour, "Supplemental Feed in a Dry Year", 9-4. Contact LaGrange SWCD at 260.463.3471, ext 3 | OCT | 30- |
| | 9-10 | Hardwood Log, Lumber & Tree Grading Workshop, NE Purdue Ag Center, Columbia City. \$150. Contact Daniel Cassens at 765.494.3644 or dcassens@purdue.edu | NOV | 2 |
| | 12 | Marketing Hardwood Veneer Logs & Trees, Coldwater Veneer, Coldwater, MI. \$25. Contact Daniel Cassens (see Oct 9-10) | | 3 |
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