

# Southwest Virginia Landowner Woods & Wildlife Conference

## February 22, 2025 Squires Student Center, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg



Location	Time	Title	Presenter
General Session <b>Ballroom B</b>	9:30	Registration & coffee	
	10:00	Introductory remarks	Jennifer Gagnon
	10:15- 11:00	<b>Program Kick-off</b> If a Tree Falls and There is no Bat Around to Hear it, does it Make a Sound? The Reality of Where We are Post White-nose Syndrome	Mark Ford
Concurrent Session 1 <b>TBA</b>	11:15-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Beekeeping for Beginners</li> <li>b. Revolutionizing Forestry and Land Reclamation with Drone Technology</li> <li>c. Storm Effects on Trees: It Depends</li> <li>d. Natural Resources Professionals Panel</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">• Department of Forestry</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Soil &amp; Water Conservation Districts</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Department of Wildlife Resources</li> <li style="width: 50%;">• Private</li> </ul>	James Wilson Brandon Beal  John Seiler  Johnny Vest Andy Rosenberger Christopher Barbour Duane Means
General Session <b>Ballroom B</b>	12:15 - 12:30	Vendor Presentations	
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General Session <b>Ballroom B</b>	1:30 - 2:00	<b>Plenary Session</b> A Primer on Carbon in Virginia's Privately Owned Forests	Steve Prisley
Concurrent Session 2 <b>TBA</b>	2:15 - 3:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Tick Awareness in Southwest Virginia</li> <li>b. Invasive Plants Recently Added to the DCR List</li> <li>c. Developing Storm-Resilient Streams</li> <li>d. Removing Storm Damaged Wood from Your Forest (Panel)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety Considerations for Removing Storm Damaged Wood from your Forest</li> <li>• Equipment Selection for Low Impact Timber Harvesting</li> </ul>	Matt Sharpe Rod Walker Tess Thompson  Karen Snape Ryan Wilcock
	3:00 - 3:30	Break	
Concurrent Session 3 <b>TBA</b>	3:30 - 4:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Protecting Our Communities: Building Resilience in the Wildland-Urban Interface</li> <li>b. Wildlife Species of Greatest Need</li> <li>c. Using Storm Damaged Wood (Panel)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What I Have Learned as a New Portable Sawmill Owner</li> <li>• Moving from Destruction to Opportunity: Using Storm Damaged Trees</li> </ul>	Michael Downey  Jeff Trollinger  Kyle Peer  Joe Lehnen
General Session <b>Ballroom B</b>	4:30 - 5:15	<b>Capstone</b> Identifying and Managing Common Problems of Landscape Shade Trees	Eric Wiseman
	5:15 - 5:30	Closing remarks, door prizes, evaluations	