

Climate Change Adaptation for Forestry Professionals



Two sessions in 2015:

June 8-9: Gaylord, MI

June 11-12: Houghton, MI

An active, hands-on training to help professional foresters incorporate climate change considerations into their own real-world projects.

Details:

Cost: \$40.00 (includes lunches and snacks, not lodging)

Registration:

Gaylord session: www.otsegocd.org/climate-change-adaptation-seminar-for-forestry-professionals.html

Houghton session: www.events.anr.msu.edu/ForestryClimateChange/

Lodging: Lodging support may be available from the MI Forest Stewardship Program. Contact Stephen Handler.

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Who should participate?

This workshop is for professional foresters (private consultants; industrial land managers; and foresters with Conservation Districts, the DNR, and others).

We require participants to bring their own real-world projects. Example projects could include:

- a forest management plan for Forest Stewardship, NRCS, ATFS, or other program
- a timber sale or harvest plan for a single stand or multiple stands
- a habitat management plan for a wildlife species

We encourage small teams of 2-4 to work together on projects in the workshop. Individuals working on their own are also welcome to participate.

What will I get out of it?

Through this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Describe regional and local effects of climate change on Michigan's forests
- Understand adaptation concepts in the context of forestry and land management
- Use *Forest Adaptation Resources* in real-world management projects to:
 - ⇒ Identify climate change risks and opportunities
 - ⇒ Develop actions to help forests adapt to changing conditions
- Access post-training support from NIACS
- Receive continuing education credit (Workshops approved for 10.5 Cat 1 CFE credits and 4.0 SFE credits)



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Forest Adaptation Resources:
Climate Change Tools and
Approaches for Land Managers

Document Worksheet
Project WRS-07
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Workshop Description

Resources and Curriculum

This workshop has been developed as part of the **Climate Change Response Framework**, a collaborative cross-boundary approach to incorporate climate change into natural resources management. Specifically, participants are provided with training on climate change and its effects on forest ecosystems. The course uses the *Forest Adaptation Resources* (www.forestadaptation.org/far) to consider how climate change may affect a real-world forest management project, identify challenges and opportunities for management under a changing climate, and develop actions to reduce risk and increase the ability of forests to cope with change.

This workshop takes advantage of both distance and in-person learning opportunities to maximize efficiency for professional education. Prior to the in-person component, participants will participate in a required webinar to cover content on regional climate change effects on forests and adaptation. Participants will also receive instructions and assistance in selecting a forestry project that will be used during the workshop. Pre-workshop preparation takes approximately 4 hours to complete, and is followed by a 1.5-day workshop. Follow-up and assistance is available to help managers implement forestry projects after the workshop.

We require participants to **select a real-life forest management project** relevant to their job and location to use during the workshop. Following the workshop, the manager can decide to implement the adaptation actions that were identified to serve as examples for other managers.

Additional details on forest adaptation efforts that have used *Forest Adaptation Resources* are online at: www.forestadaptation.org/demonstration-projects



More Information

Find out more about the Climate Change Response Framework and this training at www.forestadaptation.org/fapp

Questions?

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