

SAVE THE DATE: November 16 – 17, 2009
Ecological Forestry in the New Jersey's Pinelands

Dr. Jerry Franklin, University of Washington, will introduce core principles of natural disturbance and natural development-based silviculture. **Dr. Bob Mitchell**, from the Jones Ecological Research Center, will discuss fire as a natural disturbance process and how to integrate fire into holistic forest management. A day of lecture and discussion at Rutgers University's [EcoComplex](#) will be followed by a day of field tours. Participation will be limited to facilitate group discussions.

The Workshop:

Increasingly, forest managers and policy makers are discussing emulation of natural disturbance regimes as a model for management. Using these ideas more fully in silvicultural practices is the basis of an ecological forestry approach. Understanding the importance of biological legacies, recognizing the role of stand development processes and disturbances, and appreciating the role of recovery periods between disturbance events are the principal concepts of ecological forestry. In this workshop, we also recognize that forest management options are often limited by economic realities, social desires, and past management practices. Therefore, we also will include presentations regarding market outlooks, wildlife objectives, forest restoration, and climate change and how these issues relate to an ecological forestry approach to management scenarios ranging from commodity production to reserve management.

The Partners:

This workshop builds upon an ongoing training program on ecological forestry organized by the [Conservation Forestry Network](#), [US Forest Service Northern Research Station](#), [Conservation Resources Inc](#), [NJ Pinelands Commission](#), [NJ Audubon Society](#), and [Land Dimensions Inc](#), and numerous other partners. The Conservation Forestry Network aims to improve forest practices across North America by bringing together experts, land managers, stakeholders and decision-makers to learn, shape, and share innovative practices across the diverse range of American forests and communities.

More details will be available at the CFN website (<http://www.forestguild.org/CFN.html>) as they become available.

