

The Nature Serve Conservation Conference 2009

Wednesday, April 22, Earth Day

Track	Session	Presenter
All	8:30am – 10:15am Plenary Welcome	Mary Klein, NatureServe, Greg Czarnecki, PA NHP and Guest Speaker (TBD)
	9:00am – 5:00pm Concurrent Sessions:	
Science	Advances in Terrestrial Ecological Classification and Mapping	Pat Comer, NatureServe, et al.
Science	National Park Service Vegetation Inventory: Lessons Learned and New Approaches	Christopher Lea, Karl Brown and Tammy Hamer, NPS
Science	Survey Planning for Multiple Sites with Multiple Species	Steve Young, NY NHP
Science	Using Landscape and Cluster Analyses to Target and Prioritize Wetland Inventory	Stephanie Neid, CO NHP
Science	Creating Predictive Models to Streamline Inventory: Lessons from the Cumberland Plateau of Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee	Reagan Lyons, NatureServe
Science	Using Randomized Site Selection to Better Assess Numbers of Known Occurrences	Sean Blaney, Atlantic Canada CDC
Science	County Natural Heritage Inventory Updates: Going Beyond Species of Concern Information	Rocky Gleason, PA NHP
Science	Obtaining a Multi-taxa Baseline to Inform Management Decisions at Big Pine Flats, a Unique Ridgetop Ecosystem in Pennsylvania	Bradley Eichelberger, PA NHP
Special Topics	The Role of Natural Heritage Programs in Commercial Wind Farm Development	Greg Czarnecki, PA NHP with panelists Ephraim Zimmerman, PA NHP, Rick Schneider, NE NHP, Joelle Gehring, MI NFI, and Elizabeth Byers, WV NHP
Special Topics	Council for Sustainable Biomass Production	Mary Klein, NatureServe, et al.
Special Topics	Adaptation to Climate Change: Translating Science into Policy and Action	Bruce Stein, National Wildlife Federation

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Special Topics	Planning for Wildlife Habitat Connectivity in the Hudson River Valley with Changing Climate	Matt Schlesinger and Tim Howard, NY NHP
Special Topics	Declining Pollinators: What is NatureServe's Role?	Nancy Benton and Larry Stritch, USFS, Kelly Gravuer and Dale Schweitzer, NatureServe
Conservation Action	Conservation Easements	Andy Cutko and Sarah Demers, ME NAP
Conservation Action	New Farm Bill Opportunities for Fish and Wildlife Biodiversity	Terrell Erickson, NRCS
Conservation Action	Leveraging Conservation Through Environmental Enforcement	Martin McHugh, NJ DEP
Conservation Action	Transformation from a Uranium Processing Facility to a Nature Preserve	Jane Powell, US Department of Energy
Conservation Action	Prairie Establishment and Management Principles at the Weldon Spring Site, St. Charles, Missouri	Jane Powell, DOE, Yvonne Deyo, S.M. Stoller Corporation, and Raymond Franson, MO DNR
Conservation Action	Conservation through Regulation: Mapping and Regulating Rare Species Habitats	Sara Hagerty, MA NHESP
Conservation Action	Protecting Rare Species in Linear Habitats through Rights-of-Way Management	Eve Schluter, MA NHESP
Technology & Tools	Building a Community Interested in Sharing Observation Data for Species and Ecological Systems	Rob Solomon, NatureServe, and Steve Young, NY NHP
Technology & Tools	So what is iMapInvasives Anyway?	Meg Wilkinson, NY NHP, Gary Knight, FL NAI, D.J. Evans, NY NHP, and Sabra Schwartz, AZ HDMS
Technology & Tools	Mapping Impacts of Weeds on Plant Element Occurrences	David Anderson and Stephanie Neid, CO NHP
Technology & Tools	Invasive Species and Natural Areas Perspectives	Lisa Smith, Natural Areas Association
Technology & Tools	LandScope America: Your Conservation Partner	Heather Rorer, NatureServe and others (TBD)
All	Evening: Reception and Poster Session	

Thursday, April 23

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All	8:30am – 12:00pm Plenary: Climate Change Panel 1: Federal Agency Directions Panel 2: NGO Directions	TBD
9:30am – 5:00pm Concurrent Sessions:		
Science	A Pilot Classification of Vernal Pool Complexes in the Hudson River Valley	Jeff Corser, NY NHP
Science	Vegetation Classification and Mapping in Canadian Arctic National Parks	Serguei Ponomarenko, Parks Canada
Science	Glacial Recession as a Driver of Vegetation Patterns and Landscape Evolution in Alaska	Keith Boggs, AK NHP
Science	Advances in Terrestrial Ecology: Assessing Ecological Integrity and Conservation Status	Pat Comer, NatureServe
Science	Monitoring Vegetation Change in a Scrub Oak Barrens System, 1993 to 2008	Tony Davis, Greg Podniesinski and Roger Latham, PA NHP
Science	Monitoring and Reporting of Forest Ecological Integrity in National Parks	Jim Comiskey, Ph.D., Stephanie Perles and Kathryn Miller, NPS
Special Topics	Conservation of Biodiversity in a Changing Climate: Aligning State, Non-Governmental Organizations, and Federal Approaches to Maximize Effectiveness (Workshop)	Greg Czarnecki, PA NHP, Dan Ashe, USFWS, Bruce Young, NatureServe, and others (TBD)
Special Topics	The USA National Phenology Network: Tracking Biota and Climate	Kathryn Thomas, NPN
Conservation Action	Local Government Perspectives on the Integration of Natural Resource Information in Land Use Planning and Zoning: A Michigan Case Study	Jennifer Olson, MI NFI
Conservation Action	NatureServe Vista: A Tool for Conservation Planning	Patrick Crist, NatureServe
Conservation Action	Private/Non-profit Conservation Partnership: Leveraging Expertise	Shara Howie, NatureServe, and Joanne Potter, Cambridge Systematics
Conservation Action	Utilizing Forest Assessment Plans to Accomplish Collaborative Conservation	Bob Barnes, TNC, [TBD], USFS, and Shara Howie, NatureServe

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Conservation Action	Leveraging Collaboration: NatureServe and Parks Canada	Dave Clark and Ewen Eberhart, Parks Canada, and Rob Solomon and Shara Howie, NatureServe
Technology & Tools	The Virginia Biodiversity Assessment: A Summary of Confirmed and Predicted Biodiversity Ranked by Conservation Need	Jason Bulluck (or TBD), VA NHP
Technology & Tools	Conasauga River Stream Assessment: Marrying GPS, ArcGIS, and Google Earth	Sara Gottlieb, The Nature Conservancy
Technology & Tools	Conservation Design for Sustainable Avian Populations in the Eastern United States	Steven Williams, NC State University
Technology & Tools	Networks and Partnerships for Coastal and Watershed Decision-Support Tools	Patrick Crist, NatureServe
Technology & Tools	Screening for At-Risk Species: A New Web Service	Kat Maybury, NatureServe, and Nick Conrad and Pete Sorrill, Ontario NHIC
All	Evening: Dinner with Featured Speaker	Gary Tabor, Freedom to Roam

Friday, April 24

All	8:30am – 9:00am Plenary Session	
	9:00am – 12:00pm Concurrent Sessions:	
Science	Application of LANDFIRE Data and Models	Darren Johnson, TNC
Science	Progress within the Forest Service's Forest Inventory Assessment Program on Measuring Forest Carbon and Flux	Greg Reams, USFS
Science	Measuring the Effects of USDA Conservation Programs on Wildlife	Charles Rewa, NRCS
Science	Optimizing Species Conservation on Federal Lands	Steve Hoddap, BLM
Science	Engaging Partners on The Nature Conservancy Conservation Science Priorities	Craig Groves or TBD, TNC
Special Topics	Identifying Species Most At Risk to Climate Change	Bruce Young, NatureServe, and Jeff Wagner, PA NHP
Special Topics	Rare Plant and Natural Community Baselines in the Adirondack Alpine	Tim Howard, NY NHP
Conservation Action	Integration of Conservation and Transportation Planning	Shara Howie, NatureServe, Trish White, Defenders of Wildlife, and others (TBD)

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Conservation Action	Managing for Biodiversity: An Overview of DoD's Challenges and Its Natural Resources Policies	Peter Boice, Office of Secretary of Defense
Conservation Action	DoD's Biodiversity Information Tools	Alison Dalsimer, Booz Allen Hamilton
Technology & Tools	An Open Source Biodiversity and Ecosystem Conservation Management (bioECM) Web Architecture	John Smith, Ventera
Technology & Tools	NatureServe Vista: A Demonstration of the Conservation Planning Software	Patrick Crist, NatureServe
Technology & Tools	Scientific & Technology Excellence: A Strategy Session	Mary Klein, NatureServe, and others (TBD)
12:00pm Conference Adjourns		