



# Chairman's Corner

Submitted by Dick Brennan

Greetings and I hope you are enjoying the brief glimpses of nice weather that Mother Nature has been arbitrarily sharing with us. Your steering committee has been working on several programs that we trust will be interesting to you. In addition to the June 3<sup>rd</sup> woods walk at Boutwell Hill State Forest (see Mark Your Calendars section), we are planning a tour of the Gutches Lumber Co. sawmill in Freedom NY on September 14<sup>th</sup>. As usual, we'll have booths at the Chautauqua and Cattaraugus county fairs this summer and the second of the Audubon/NYFOA woods walks is planned for this Fall with the date yet to be determined. I hope to see many of you in the coming months

In closing, I want to share a fun fact. Did you know that syrup can be made from Shagbark Hickory sap? I didn't, until a restaurant in Bennington Vt. offered us Shagbark Hickory syrup in addition to Maple syrup. It had a very mild taste compared to Maple. Perhaps we're at the beginning of a new wave of marketing!

Wishing you the best of health this year.

Regards,

Dick

## Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming NYFOA AFC Events

Boutwell Hill State Forest Woods Walk —June 3rd 9:00

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Please come join and contribute



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## BOUTWELL HILL STATE FOREST WOODS WALK

Submitted by Dick Brennan

**Topic:** Tour of Beech Brush Treatments

**When:** Saturday, June 3, 2023 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

**Where:** Boutwell Hill State Forest , Chautauqua County , Town of Cherry Creek

**Presenters:** DEC State Foresters, Ricky Sylvestro, Theresa Draves, Jeff Brockelbank

**Meeting Place/Registration:** Ruttenbur Rd at Lewis Rd Parking Lot

GPS coordinates 42.348227N, 79.199002W

### Stops on the Tour:

High stump beech cutting- At this stop you will see a cutting method of controlling American Beech without the use of herbicides. Several different cutting blocks were conducted in different years that this method was applied. Cutting American Beech below the first growing branch in the month of July when the beech reserves are the lowest have shown to have the best results of limiting stump and root sprouting. Come see the results of applying this method!

Beech frill treatment/sale area- what is frill treatment and how its done. When do we use this method and how it can be beneficial in the stand you are managing? What are "clean" beech and how do we incorporate these into our management goals. The contractor awarded and did the work is a local Consulting Forester. Pioneer Forestry- Eric Stawitzky.

Recreational trails- how do we incorporate these into the timber management on the landscape. Things to ask the consultant when formulating a contract for your timber sale area that includes a recreational trail. How will my woods look from the trail after the timber sale is done?

Incorporating grassy openings into your management for wildlife benefit- using landings and skid trails to plant clover and cool season grasses to benefit turkey and deer.

Stand treatment in 2008- frill treatment done on the 22 acres of beech saplings in the understory of an ash/maple/cherry stand. What does the stand look like today? did herbicide work? what was our goal on regeneration in this stand and did it work out? also look at a stream buffers and why they are important and beneficial. This area also incorporates recreational trails along the skid trails that were made from the timber sale, you can see how skid trails can be re-utilized in between harvests.

### **Additional Information:**

Boots or sturdy footwear are strongly recommended, it could also be wet in places. Participants will be kept in easy walking areas ( those not used to tromping through the forest can be accommodated ). There are porta-pottys at the beginning and end stops. Dress appropriately since woods walks are usually rain or shine events unless severe weather warnings are issued.

Participants are welcome to bring a brown bag for lunch after the last stop; there is one picnic table available so bringing folding chairs is suggested.

### **Directions to Ruttenbur Rd and Lewis Rd Parking Lot:**

From Village of Cherry Creek (Rt 83)

- Head west on Center Rd/Rt 68 toward Hadley St
- Go 1.6 mi , turn right onto Farrington Hollow Rd (Rt 85)
- Go 5.5 mi, turn left onto Ruttenbur Rd
- After 1.0 mi, turn left onto Lewis Rd ( parking lot is on the corner)

I recently participated in this interesting webinar on forest carbon, climate adaption, and carbon markets. I thought it was very well done and presented a balanced approach with a focus on an audience not having significant prior information on the area. A web address is listed below where a recording of the webinar can be viewed in its entirety. I think it's worth the time if you want to learn more on the topic.

Areas covered include the process of how forests produce carbon sequestration, the valuable role forests play in combating climate change, and how carbon markets work including the concept of carbon credits on which markets are based. There are also examples of the complexities and cautions involved when entering into a carbon market agreement. More specifically, the forest owner must sign a legal contract that could be 20yrs in duration and that has restrictions on sale of timber for the duration. A minimum of 40 acres of forested land is required and payment options may be \$10 - \$30/acre per year. The emphasis was also on the quickly changing nature of the markets and requirements.

At [www.northeastforestcarbon.org](http://www.northeastforestcarbon.org) you will open on a home page where you will see a picture of the presenter underneath the caption, "A Forest Carbon and Climate Adaption Webinar Specifically for Forest Landowners - April 12, 2023 - RECORDING". By clicking on the underlined word RECORDING, you will be taken to the Zoom presentation and can start the recording. A caution, the first 10min 20sec is introductory material that you may desire to fast forward through in order to get to the actual slide presentation by Dr Alexandra Kosiba.

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## SPOTTED LANTERN FLY



**Common Name:** Spotted lanternfly  
**Scientific Name:** *Lycorma delicatula*  
**Origin:** Asia

The spotted lanternfly is an invasive planthopper known to use tree of heaven, *Ailanthus altissima*, another invasive species, as its primary host. It has been detected feeding on and impacting many plants, including agricultural commodities such as apples, plums, cherries, grapes, peaches, and nectarines. It also feeds on oak, walnut, poplar and other native species. The insect will change hosts as it goes through its developmental stages. Nymphs feed on a wide range of plant species, while adults prefer to feed and lay eggs on tree of heaven.

### Threat

Both nymphs and adults of spotted lanternfly cause damage when they feed, sucking sap from stems and leaves. This can reduce photosynthesis, weaken the plant, and eventually contribute to the plant's death. In addition, feeding can cause the plant to ooze or weep, resulting in a fermented odor, while the insects themselves excrete large amounts of fluid (honeydew). This fluid promotes mold growth and attracts other insects.

### Symptoms

Attacked trees develop weeping wounds which leave a grey to black trail along the trunk. This sap, or 'honeydew' attracts other insects to feed. In late fall, adults lay egg masses on host trees and nearby smooth surfaces like stone and even outdoor furniture or cars.

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## Welcome New Members!!!

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### Stumpage Price Report

[https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands\\_forests\\_pdf/stumpagewinter23.pdf](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/stumpagewinter23.pdf)

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**If you know of someone who has woodland, or is interested in wood lands invite them to join NYFOA-AFC. Feel free to show them your copy of the Newsletter and/or the N.Y. Forest Owner Magazine.**

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