

# NACNews

Northern Adirondak Chapter

Spring 2022

## NAC Events Calendar

### Lyme Adirondack Forest Company - Woods Walk

June 4th  
9am-12:00pm

*Brings your own snacks and water*

Onchiota, NY  
Franklin County



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## Hello NAC Members!

The Wester Finger Lakes Chapter hosted the 2022 annual meeting in Canandaigua on April 22-24 at the Finger Lakes Community College campus. It was an excellent meeting at an excellent facility. The WFL chapter is due sincere thanks along with Craig Volmer, executive director, for a great job in planning and delivering the meeting. About 50 members and guests attended. It was refreshing to again participate in an in-person meeting without undue stress of COVID-safe protocols! The entire agenda and bios of the many speakers are posted on the NYFOA website. <https://www.nyfoa.org/events>

The board meeting was held Friday afternoon and moderated by Art Wagner, ex-officio board member. About a dozen attended so there was a quorum. Craig will submit a complete summary of the meeting, but here are a few notes that our NAC members may find of interest.

- Volunteers are needed to fill about 5 slots on the state board. Both members-at-large and representatives of the chapters are needed. Contact Craig if interested.
- The Capitol chapter has produced “NYFOA business cards” that are a handy manner by which to promote NYFOA to contacts
- Craig and the board have worked on ever closer and coordinated programing with The Tree Farm System
- NYFOA is interested in promoting more “corporate” sponsorship and involvement with NY’s many environmental educational institutions
- Kristina Ferrare, chair of the Program Committee, gave a brief report. She is interested in helping chapters with activities, such as “Estate Planning”. Note that there is a “speakers bureau” listed for chapter events on the state website
- Members may wish to familiarize themselves, promote and vote for new legislation entitled “NY Clean Air, Water and Green Jobs Bond Act”

Submitted by NAC Chair - Gary Goff

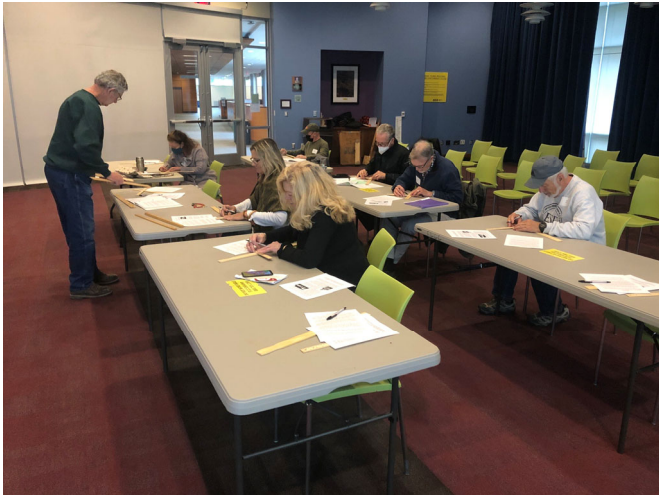
## 2022 Annual Meeting in Pictures



Jim Engel - restoring diversity in your Woodlot



Kristina Ferrare - resiliency score card



Dick Starr - Build-a-Biltmore



Emily Bonk - High Tor Wildlife Management Area

### Welcome New NAC Members

Robert Boschock – Philadelphia NY  
Maurice Gilbert – Plattsburgh NY  
Tyler Richardson – Ogdensburg NY

### Do you have Email?

If so and you have NOT received this newsletter or other notices by email please provide your email address to the state office. (800-836-3566) or email [info@nyfoa.org](mailto:info@nyfoa.org) to have your email address added to the NAC chapter email list. Your email is only used for notifications about NYFOA or forestry related events and notices. Email is the best system we have for providing updates and timely new event notifications to our members.

## Lyme Adirondack Forest Company - Woods Walk



The Lyme Adirondack Forest company LLC will host a woodswalk in Onchiota NY on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Our host will be Eric Ross (General Manager) and Susan Schofield (Operations Forester). **Invite Friends & Neighbors!**

### Agenda

- **Welcome, Introductions**
- **LAFCO background, business and management goals**
- **Site visits to several silvicultural treatments that were completed with varying equipment mixes**
  - **Overstory removal/release harvested by Cut-to-length operation**
  - **Clearcuts harvested by mechanized flail chip operation**
  - **Thinnings harvested by mechanized roundwood crew and flail chip operation**
- **Potential visit to Cut-to-length harvesting equipment (timing dependent)**
- **Conclusion, questions, discussion**

### Directions

Our meeting location is about 7 minutes north of Ochiota, NY on N. Branch Rd. When a woods walk does not have a physical address, we strongly recommend you become familiar with the target area via google maps, your GPS or smart phone app. Enter **N Branch Rd, Vermontville, NY** ! Most apps recognize this entry!

**Meeting area is in the vicinity of where the road changes names to Cold brook road (Old Military Rd or Hunters Camp Rd on some maps)** Note - Some maps will show two turns for N. Branch Rds about 500 feet part off of Kushaqua-Mud Pond Rd. The southernmost turn is the primary but either should work.

**Travelling from the North:** Take Kushaqua-Mud Pond Rd south out of the loon Lake area. Approximately 5 miles after leaving the Loon Lake turn right on to N Branch Rd and travel about 1 mile to meeting point.

**Travelling from the South:** Enter Ochiota NY on route 60. Route 60 turns in to Kushaqua-Mud Pond Rd just as you enter Ochiota. Continue straight through Ochiota and do not turn right and follow route 60. Shortly after exiting Ochiota, N Branch Rd will be on the left as Kushaqua-Mud Pond Rd curves to the right.

### Pre-Registration is not required but helpful

Contact Scott Bonno by phone/text or email 315-854-7788 [glenmeal@yahoo.com](mailto:glenmeal@yahoo.com)

**Lyme Adirondack Forest Company LLC (LAFCO)** – based in Queensbury NY, currently employees 19 people charged with the management of 235,000 acres in the Adirondack region of New York. The lands are managed to FSC and SFI standards and operate under a working forest conservation easement with NYS. LAFCO is also active in managing private forestland in the region, purchasing standing timber and purchasing delivered logs on the open market at our log yard in Chestertown NY.

## Successful Woodlot Management for Song Birds Woods Walk Summary

The Northern Adirondack Chapter jointly sponsored and conducted a woods walk with New York Audubon on September 15 in the town of Westport in Essex County. The Southern Adirondack and The Southern Tier Chapters also conducted similar workshops through last summer. NY Audubon has partnered with NYFOA to provide support and financial reimbursement for this state-wide series of public woods walks on the topic of forest management to provide songbird habitat. Another series of workshops will be conducted this summer hosted by The Lower Hudson and Allegheny Foothills Chapters. Visit the Audubon website <https://ny.audubon.org/conservation/woods-wildlife-and-warblers> to learn more about the project and bird management.

The Westport workshop was held on the town's 1200-ac watershed which has been actively managed for forest products for the past 60 years. The 35 participants toured 2 recently harvested sites. Daniel Beheide with the Essex Co. Soil & Water Conservation District was the chief forester and explained the objectives and techniques of the harvests. Zack Boerman with NY Audubon explained the positive impact of the harvest on songbirds that require early successional stage forests. Gary Goff, NAC chair, provided many forest and bird management publications and covered how to identify the 6 native maple species found in NY state. Gary has also established an Assessing Vegetation Impacts from Deer (AVID) demonstration area on the watershed. Please visit the website <https://aviddeer.com/> to learn more about this important opportunity to contribute to monitoring the impact of deer on forest regeneration.

Audubon graciously provided a bag lunch and the attendees had a chance to collect publications and chat during the log landing lunch break. DryShod Boot Company provided a gift certificate that we raffled off. The 35 participants represented 13 forest ownerships and who owned/managed an average of 175 acres.



**Great Speakers, Tons of Information, In Depth Discussions and...a Really Fantastic Lunch!**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Woods Walk at On the Wing Grouse Camp – Ellenburg, NY

Ruffed Grouse society & American Woodcock society encourages us to join them at the ‘On The Wing Grouse Camp’ in Northern New York to explore successful early successional habitat management and the importance of stem density for brood rearing. Get a first-hand look at ruffed grouse & woodcock conservation in action!

This free event will include a guided walk of the property and a showcase of the RGS & AWS mission, impactful NRCS partnerships, forest stewardship, and more.

Lunch Included (Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Beverages)

**Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> - 9AM**  
**On The Wing Grouse Camp**  
**449 Steam Mill Road, Ellenburg Center, NY 12934**

Participants are encouraged to bring hiking/walking shoes, lunch, and a chair.  
For more information, contact: Nate Kennedy Northeast Regional Engagement Coordinator  
[natek@ruffedgrousesociety.org](mailto:natek@ruffedgrousesociety.org) or 412-303-8649.



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## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Revisited

Last Fall some **NAC members** attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual walk at same property and it was a very positive experience. We viewed and discussed various appropriately sized regen cuts to create ideal habitat for Grouse, Woodcocks and other birds. One of the many take away messages for me was how the whole effort is not just about bird hunting but about habitat. As some of the actual bird hunters present noted, “we hope to see a lot of birds and maybe we take a shot, but most of the time we do not, but its still a good day!”.



One of the many large regen cuts we reviewed



Various sized wooded sections intermixed with the cuts

## Other Programs and Resources to Consider

**Thank you to DEC Forester Steven Sherwood for the following suggesting the following events!**

**Great Adirondack Birding Celebration (GABC):** Returns June 3-5 for the 18th time. This 3 day event is designed to introduce birders of all ages and skill levels to the unique boreal bird species and habitats in the Adirondacks. You can choose from various birding field trips to local Important Bird Areas (IBAs). There are full day field trips on Friday and half day trips on Saturday and Sunday. All presentations by accomplished ornithologists on Saturday afternoon. Costs range from free to \$125.

Field trips have limited capacity so register soon. Note you must select the date and specific field trip when registering by using the pulldown menu. This event is hosted by Paul Smith's College Visitor Interpretive Center. The VIC is partnering with Hotel Saranac to host the celebration.

Info with link to registration can be found at: <https://www.paulsmithsvic.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/18th-Annual-field-trip-descriptions.pdf>

**Statewide Annual ReLeaf Conference:** For those interested in Urban & Community Forestry this event is being held July 21-23 this year at the Jefferson Community College in Watertown. More info for this event can be found by going to <https://nysufc.org/save-the-date-2022-ny-releaf-conference-in-watertown/2022/04/09/>.

**Benefit Your Land with A Plan:** This publication and more can be found by going to [www.dec.ny.gov/lands/4972.html#Forest\\_Stewardship\\_Program](http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/4972.html#Forest_Stewardship_Program) . (For those receiving by email the hyperlink is not activated due to the 2 underlined segments).



**Forest Carbon Training Webinars:** Anyone wanting to learn more about the science of forest carbon to climate-friendly management to forest carbon markets? There are three remaining seminars available in May. While these are designed for professional foresters, the webinars will also be helpful to those forest landowners looking to learn more about this topic. The webinars are free. Registration is required and you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**The Science of Forest Carbon Management - May 11 9:00-10:30 AM**

Register in advance for this webinar: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_B7vDGFHIRKy5Avu-r\\_NgHg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B7vDGFHIRKy5Avu-r_NgHg)

**Forest Carbon Markets Overview and NRCS Forest Carbon Opportunities - May 18, 9:00-10:30 AM**

Register in advance for this webinar: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_fgsA3CGzRICQcUTnh29L\\_Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fgsA3CGzRICQcUTnh29L_Q)

**Forest Carbon Project Developers - May 25, 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon**

*This webinar will include representatives from 5 different forest carbon project developers discussing their programs.*

Register in advance for this webinar: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Ye7O\\_eZpQ4SDkO5jiePsUA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ye7O_eZpQ4SDkO5jiePsUA)

For more information - contact **Charles Levesque** at 603-588-3272 or [levesque@inrsllc.com](mailto:levesque@inrsllc.com)

*Note: The first two webinars will be led by Dr. Alexandra Kosiba, Climate Forester from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation. The fourth will be presentations from forest carbon project developers. Charles Levesque, executive director of the North East State Foresters Association and Coordinator of the Securing Northeast Forest Carbon Program effort, will moderate the webinars.*

## A Nesting Box That Yields Results

Anyone who has spent time providing wildlife nesting boxes knows results are not always rewarded despite patience and attention to all the build requirements. Bat houses in our experience, have yielded the best results. Provide a large enough structure to moderate temperature, include baffles  $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1" max apart, and mount high to yield a clear flight out and you will have bats. Any nest box building while not complicated has number of key parameters that if followed can increase your results. These notes are just a starting point. We urge you to research further.

### Location & Mounting:

- 1) Sunny side (6-8 hours) of your house or on a secondary structure
- 2) Select location where Bat guano can fall and accumulate away from humans
- 3) Best if location is relatively quiet and away from human activity
- 4) 16'+ Tall posts mounted securely into the ground normally with Quikrete or similar
- 5) Height is key. 10' from ground to entry at bottom of box is good 12-20' is better. Two person job.
- 6) Trees are really not an ideal option. We recommend you research best practices on this approach

### General Nesting Box Materials Needed (specifics are plan dependent):

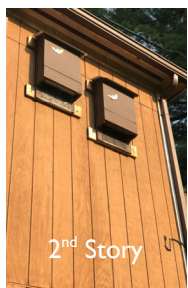
- 1)  $\frac{1}{2}$ " + Exterior grade plywood (NOT pressure treated) is ideal for insulating purposes
- 2)  $\frac{3}{4}$ "-1" thick cedar or other rot resistant grade woods (Other wood may work but must be painted to last)
- 3) Roof - Black asphalt or galvanized metal (brown flashing works fine)
- 4) Exterior grade nails and/or screws
- 5) Exterior water based (latex) paint and caulk
- 6) Paint color should be dark brown or black for houses mounted within NAC territory

### Box Styles:

- 1) Single Chamber house – With just one room may not it provide enough mass to moderate temperatures
- 2) Multi Chamber House – 2-4 chamber houses start to increase heat and bat holding capacity
- 3) Rocket Box – A linear design usually from a cedar 4x4 attached to 12'+ pressure treated

### Build Plans, Places to Buy, and Resources:

- 1) Bat Conservation International - <https://www.batcon.org/about-bats/bat-houses/> Excellent multiple chamber flat & rocket boxes. Extensive educational website on Bats and their habitat.
- 2) Bat Conservation & Management - <https://batmanagement.com/> Extensive website providing details on every aspect of bat management. Quality full sized boxes sold. Mounting instructions and videos are very helpful.
- 3) Amazon or other retailers - All of a sudden everyone is selling Bat houses! Be aware that a \$30-\$50 box is likely very light weight and smaller than you think (= less mass = less ability to moderate heat). Check and compare actual dimensions to other options! While mounting may be easier, you may have mixed results.
- 4) Some of the key design features to be considered are noted below the corresponding picture



Mounting  
Boards



$\frac{3}{4}$ "-1" baffle spacing, side slot  
and pass thru hole (hallway)



Mat netting or scratch  
surface for traction



'Rocket Box' style allows Bats 360°  
movement to find best temperature

### **Announcement – 2022 Regenerate New York Forestry Grant**

Here's the announcement for the second round of the Regenerate NY Forestry Grants. Please note that working with a forestry consultant is necessary for planning for this grant program. Applications must be completed on the State's Gate Grantway by **3 PM on October 7, 2022** or until funding is exhausted to be funded.

Specific Questions should be directed to: Jason Drobnack, Program Coordinator, NYSDEC, Lands and Forests, **(518) 402-9630**, [RegenNY@dec.ny.gov](mailto:RegenNY@dec.ny.gov)