

Conference Overview

Monday, November 1		
8:00 – 12:00	Poster Setup	
8:30	Registration Opens	
9:30 – 12:30	<i>WORKSHOP</i> : Invasive Pest Plants of the Southern Appalachians (registration required)	
1:00 – 2:15	Plenary Session: Suzette Kimball and Robb Turner, Welcome and opening remarks Charles Adams, NRCS, Director, Southeast Region Sam Hamilton, USFWS, Director, Southeast Region	
2:30 – 3:30	Indiana Bat Biology & Forest Management	Community Partnering for Watershed Solutions (part 1)
3:30 – 4:30	Panel Discussion: Proactive Forest Planning/Management with Communities	
4:30 – 6:00	Proposed Forest Plan Revisions in Response to the Southern Appalachian Assessment	
6:00 – 7:30	Poster Session with “wine and cheese” reception (cash bar)	
Tuesday, November 2		
7:30 – 8:30	Continental breakfast	
8:30 – 10:30	Partnering to Manage Invasive Species, lead speakers Larry Fowler, USDA and Bill Gregg, USGS-BRD	Processes for Partnering with Communities, lead speakers, Virginia Seitz and Tony Hebert, UT Community Partnership Center
10:45 – 12:30	Managing Invasive Plants in the Natural Environment	Interactive Workshop: Methods for Building Community Partnerships
12:30 – 2:00	Lunch on your own or NEPA Roundtable Discussion (see registration form)	
2:00 – 2:30	Milton Hamilton, Commissioner Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation	
2:30 – 4:15	Southern Appalachian Forest Dynamics	Community Growth Issues
4:30 – 5:45	Southern Appalachian Air Quality Assessments	Multiple Objectives for Greenways and Trails
6:30 – 8:30	Food and Fun: Gather at Calhoun’s for presentation of SAMAB awards and heavy hors d’oeuvres, open bar, and music by the area’s best Bluegrass band.	
Wednesday, November 3		
7:30 – 8:30	Continental breakfast	
8:30 – 10:00	Community Partnering for Watershed Solutions (part 2)	Forest Change and Sustainability, lead speakers, John Greis and Dave Wear, USDA Forest Service
10:15 – 12:00	Challenges for Gateway Communities	Information for Community Planning and Resource Management
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch on your own	
1:15 – 2:15	Funding for Community Projects: ISTEPA and TEA-21	
2:15 – 2:45	Plenary Speaker: Steve Nash, author of <i>Blue Ridge 2020: An Owner’s Manual</i>	
2:45 – 3:00	Closing Remarks: Robb Turner	
3:00 – 5:30	<i>WORKSHOP</i> : Community-based Assessment of Scenic Quality (registration required)	