



Forum on the Forests of Massachusetts – Forest Futures Visioning Process

In order to assist DCR and the members of the TSC and AGS in carrying out the Forest Futures Visioning Process, the Harvard Forest has graciously agreed to host a Forum on the Forests of Massachusetts which will be held on **Monday, May 18, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Fisher Museum at the Harvard Forest in Petersham, MA.** There are a limited number of seats being made available to members of the general public. Seats will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis and pre-registration is required. If you are interested in attending please send an e-mail to us at modr@umb.edu and put “Harvard Forum” in the subject line or call (617) 287-4040. The deadline for registration is **Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.**

The purpose of the Forum is to provide an overview of the history, present state, and the possible futures of the forests of Massachusetts. The Forum is also designed to give those present a focused perspective on the geography and ecological conditions of DCR forestlands – properties which will be key in shaping the uses, size and condition of the forested landscape in Massachusetts over the next 100 years.

Featured topics and confirmed speakers are as follows:

| Topic | Speaker(s) |
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| Massachusetts’ Role as a Conservation Leader: Some Historical and Present-Day Context University | Jim Levitt, Director, Program on Conservation Innovation, Harvard Forest, Harvard |
| Land Use History and the Potential Futures of MA Forests | David Foster, Director of the Harvard Forest, Harvard University; David Kittredge, State Extension Forester and UMass Forestry Professor; and Bob O’Connor, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) |
| Ensuring the Integrity of Forest Ecosystems | Andy Finton, The Nature Conservancy |
| Ownership and Use of Massachusetts Forests | David Kittredge, State Extension Forester and Professor -- Dept. of Natural Resources Conservation |
| Potential Changes to the Forests of MA in an Era of Global Warming | Hector Galbraith, Manomet Robert Pershel, Forest Guild |
| The Ecological Conditions and Management Status of DCR Forests in Massachusetts | Bill Hill and David Goodwin, DCR |

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The Harvard Forest is located in Petersham in north central Massachusetts and directions are as follows:

From Boston - Points East: 70 miles west on Route 2 to exit 17, then three miles south (take a right off the exit) on Route 32. Harvard Forest is on the left.

From Worcester: 25 miles north west on Route 122 and then 3 miles north of Petersham Center on Route 32. Harvard Forest is on the right.

From Points South and West: Take Interstate 91 to Greenfield and travel east on Route 2 approximately 25 miles to Exit 17. The Forest is 3 miles south (right off of exit) on Route 32. Harvard Forest is on the left.