

Kentucky Woodland

Local Forestry Organization Grants

Available through the Kentucky Division of Forestry

Through a new competitive process, the Kentucky Division of Forestry has been able to secure funding to be used to stimulate and encourage the development and maintenance of local forestry organizations throughout eastern and southeastern Kentucky. These groups are to be made up of, and completely controlled by, local citizens. They are to be grassroots-driven in every way, with agency folks offering support and technical assistance as appropriate.

Several such groups are already in existence, and their members include forest landowners, loggers, community leaders, forest industry representatives, environmentalists, and others who recognize the importance of forests to their communities. Experience has shown that funding (be it for advertising, paying for a speaker at local meetings, renting a “port-a-potty” for field events, conducting a mass mailing, undertaking a forestry project, or whatever may be needed) is a limiting factor in the success of these groups. We hope that these funds will alleviate such obstacles.

If you are interested in forming a local organization or are already a member of one and you need economic assistance with any organization activity, please contact Tad Norris at tad.norris@ky.gov or Diana Olszowy at diana.olszowy@ky.gov or call 502.564.4496 for more information. For more information about local forestry organizations, please visit www.ukforestry.org or contact Billy Thomas at billy.thomas@uky.edu or call 859.257.9153.

Master Tree Farmer Webinar Series Well Received:

More webinars to come!

The first statewide web based educational program for Kentucky woodland owners was held in March at eleven county extension offices across Kentucky. Host counties included: Boyd, Breathitt, Bullitt, Clark, Harlan, Letcher, Lyon, Menifee, Monroe, Rowan, and Trimble. County extension agents served as hosts with strong support from foresters and other staff of the Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF).

The format included live web based presentations broadcast from the UK Department of Forestry Extension office in Lexington, pre-recorded video segments from leading forestry experts from across the southern US, questions and answers sessions, and local discussions led by KDF foresters. The feedback from the participants and hosts was very favorable and many commented that they were happy to be able to attend a statewide educational program without having to travel very far.

Based on the positive feedback and continually shrinking budgets you can expect to see more of these web based educational programs in the future. Be sure to check out the next issue of Kentucky Woodlands Magazine for a listing of fall programs!



Master Tree Farmer participants at the Trimble County Extension Office. This webinar series allowed woodland owners to attend a statewide educational program without having to leave their county.

Photo courtesy: Michael Pyles, Trimble County Extension Agent

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

Date:	Event:	Location:	Contact:
June 1-5	Kentucky Forest Leadership Program	Jabez, KY	859.257.2703
June 13	Woodland Owners Short Course	Grant Co., KY	859.257.7597
August 29	Woodland Owners Short Course	Boyd Co., KY	859.257.7597
September 18-19	Kentucky Wood Expo	London, KY	502.695.3979
September 26	Woodland Owners Short Course	Breckinridge Co., KY	859.257.7597
October 15	Win With Wood	Robinson Forest, KY	606.666.4116

For more information about these programs, visit www.ukforestry.org

News To Use

Kentucky Woodlands Ice Damage Web site Available

If you are one of the many woodland owners or forestry professionals having to deal with the February ice damage there are resources available to help. UK Forestry Extension and the Kentucky Division of Forestry have established a Web site that contains ice damage publications, webinars, and sources for additional assistance. Visit www.kyicedamage.net for more information.

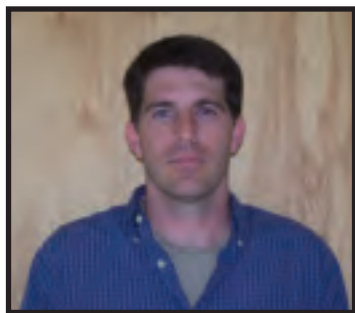


Invasive Species Removal - Payments Available in the Future

The Natural Resources Conservation Service working with the University of Kentucky Department of Forestry Extension has developed a payment plan for the removal of invasive shrub species such as bush honeysuckle or autumn olive from woodlands. This payment can be obtained under the EQIP and WHIP programs and is administered through your local Kentucky Division of Forestry forester. While the deadline for this years sign-up has passed, contact your forester to plan for next year. When the sign-ups are available next year the forester can assist with sign-up and will develop a treatment plan for your woodlands. Here are a couple of examples of the cost-share opportunities that were offered this spring: Removal of Woody Vegetation, \$4.31 per sq ft.; Foliar Application to Invasive Understory (under 4.5 ft tall), \$47.09 per acre; Cut Stump Treatment to Invasive Understory (< 200 Plants/Ac.), \$54.50 per acre; and Cut Stump Treatment to Invasive Understory (>1,600 Plants/Ac.), \$702.49 per acre.

Be sure to discuss cost-share opportunities with your forester as they are constantly changing. To find a Kentucky Division of Forestry service forester please visit www.forestry.ky.gov/distoff/

New Forest Health Specialist at the Kentucky Division of Forestry



Jody Thompson started as the Kentucky Division of Forestry's new forest health specialist in January 2009. He graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelors and Masters degree in Horticulture. His education focused on entomology, plant pathology and plant biology. Jody worked for two years as a biologist in the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, where he focused on coastal wetland restoration and biological inventories. Prior to moving to Kentucky, Jody was involved in pine beetle research with the Auburn University School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences. Jody admits that he is "more comfortable here and enjoying this job more than any other place I've been."

Certification DVD Available

The Certification for Kentucky Forests and Products Seminar was held on Jan. 27, 2009 at the Fayette County Extension office.

Nearly 100 people attended the seminar and heard topics such as: Global & Economic Ramifications of Certification of Kentucky's Forests, U.S. Forest Service Perspective on Certification, American Tree Farm Endorsement of Certification, and more.

DVD's of the seminar are now available. Cost is \$35. If you are interested in ordering a copy of the seminar, please e-mail forestry.extension@uky.edu or call 859.257.7597.

Answers to Test Your Knowledge on page 17.

- A. Honeylocust
- B. Cedar-apple rust
- C. Walnut caterpillar
- D. Giant puffball
- E. Poison ivy

