



## **Restoration Forestry: Bottomlands, Bluffs, and Birds**

*September 24 & 25, 2019*

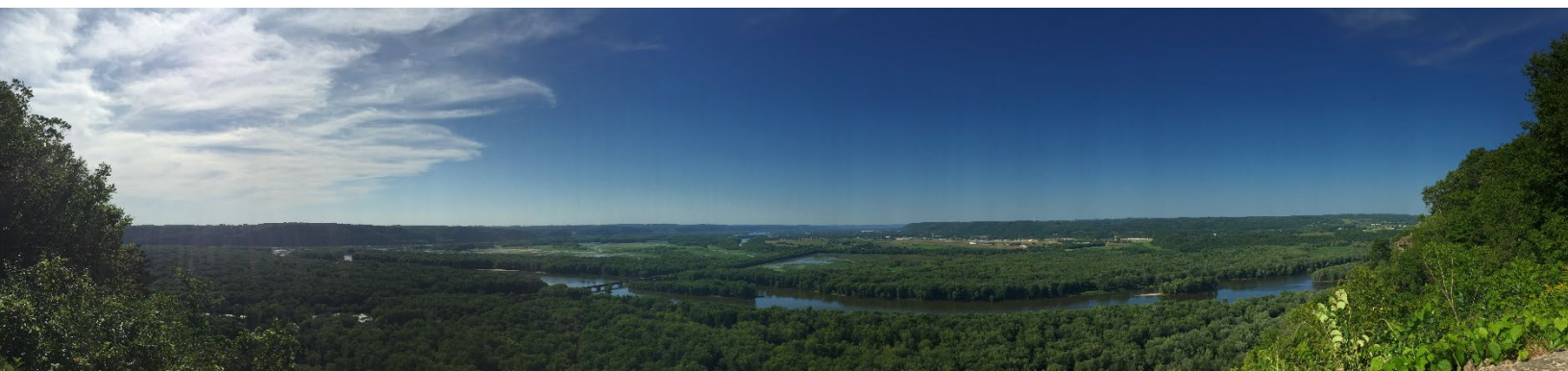
The Forest Stewards Guild invites you to La Crosse, WI this September to discuss restoration forestry and what that means in context of the Upper Mississippi and Driftless Bluff Country of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa. We will focus on these ecosystems, but the discussion will be valuable for those working in other ecosystems too. We will view and discuss aspects of restoration forestry from a theoretical approach as well as looking at what that means within the context of the Upper Mississippi and the associated implications for forests, birds, and wildlife before drilling down into the nuts and bolts of silviculture and regeneration strategies.

Meeting locations:

- The meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> will be held at the UW-La Crosse Student Union. We will be in Union Room 3310 (521 East Avenue N, La Crosse, WI 54601). This will be followed by an evening social at the Pearl Street Brewery (1401 St Andrew St, La Crosse, WI 54603)
- September 25<sup>th</sup> will be a field day and we will meet the bus outside the La Crosse Center (300 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse, WI 54601)

### **Tuesday September 24, 2019**

- 9:15 Registration, pre-meeting socialization (UW-La Crosse Union 3310)
- 9:30 Welcome and Orientation – Michael Lynch (Lake States Projects Coordinator - Forest Stewards Guild)
- 9:40 Restoration Forestry – Peter Bundy (President – Masconomo Forestry)
- 10:40 Upper Mississippi River Landscape Ecology – Nate DeJager and Molly Van Appledorn (Research Ecologists – USGS - Upper Midwest Environmental Science Center)
- 11:20 Defining Forest Restoration in the UMR/Driftless Region – Andy Meier (Forester – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)
- 12:00 40 Minute Lunch Break
- 12:40 Implications of Forest Restoration on Avian Communities – Eileen Kirsch (Research Wildlife Biologist – USGS - Upper Midwest Environmental Science Center)
- 1:20 Landscape-scale Bird Habitat Modeling Assessment – Nicole Michel (Senior Quantitative Ecologist – National Audubon Society)
- 2:00 20 Minute Break
- 2:20 Adapting Silviculture for Restoration – Greg Edge and Brad Hutnik (Forest Ecologist / Silviculturist – WI DNR)



- 3:00 UMR Bottomland Forest Gap Mapping – Andrew Strassman (Biologist, USGS)
- 3:40 Case Studies in Regeneration – Rebecca Montgomery (Professor – University of Minnesota)
- 4:20 Synthesis – Meredith Thomsen (Professor – University of Wisconsin – La Crosse)
- 5:00 Adjournment
- 6:30 Social Event – Pearl Street Brewery (1401 St Andrew St, La Crosse, WI 54603)

**Wednesday September 25, 2019**

- 8:30 Meet bus outside the La Crosse Center (300 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse, WI 54601)
- 8:45 Bus Departs
- 9:10 Regeneration Challenges in Floodplain Forests – Goose Island (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)
- 10:20 Bus Departs
- 10:50 Restoration in a State Natural Area – Rush Creek State Natural Area (WI DNR)
- 12:00 Bus Departs
- 12:15 Lunch Break and Fish Farm Mounds (box lunches provided)
- 12:50 Bus Departs
- 1:00 Unrooted Cottonwood Cuttings – Whalen Tract/Winnebago Creek – (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- 2:30 Bus Departs
- 2:50 Direct Seeding – Root River Tract – (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- 4:10 Bus Departs
- 4:30 Return to La Crosse Center – Meeting adjournment

Contact Michael Lynch with any questions about the meeting. 608-449-0647 or [mike@forestguild.org](mailto:mike@forestguild.org)

Continuing education credits will be available from this meeting.

- Wisconsin DNR Cooperating Forester credits = 11.
- The Wildlife Society credit total is under review.
- Society of American Foresters credit total is under review.

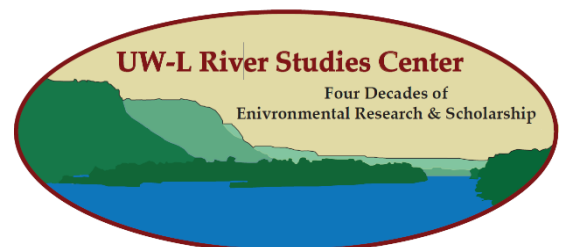


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