

Oak Resiliency Assessment Tool
Forester Training Workshop

Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary, Wales, MA (and online)

Date: July 27, 2021

9 am – 12 pm

Optional Tour for in-person attendees 1 pm – 3 pm

Join the Forest Stewards Guild, online or in-person, to learn how you can use a web-based Oak Resiliency Assessment Tool to assess the resiliency of oak on land you manage. During the workshop, you will learn why this tool can provide value to you and the landowners you work for, the resources the tool provides, and practice using the tool in a meaningful way to assess the resiliency of oak forests.

In-Person Attendance: 20 Max

Virtual Attendance: Open to All

Facilitators

Amanda Mahaffey, Logan Johnson, and Christopher Riely

Pre meeting materials (15 - 30 minutes)

- Watch Tutorial provided by Jim Duncan
- Background info on Project

Welcome & Overview: (60 minutes)

In-Person and Virtual Audience

- Why Oak?
- Tutorial Recap and questions from audience
- Resources overview
 - o For Landowners
 - o For Foresters
 - o Issues of Consideration
 - o Pathways

Testing the Tool (60 minutes)

In-Person

- Participants break off into groups and test the tool in the woods
 - o Use paper sheets and input into the tool once returning to the classroom
 - o Quickly review tool outputs

Virtual

- Participants complete assessment of oak forest near them or from memory (Bring Forest Management Plan to workshop virtually)
 - o Use assessment form online

- Quickly review tool outputs
- Bring Photos and upload to the tool

Review (60 minutes)

In-Person and Virtual

- Map Output
- Participant report out
 - How did the tool work for you?
 - Were the outputs in line with what they would expect?
 - What would you need to use the tool in your day-to-day work?
- Training recap

Wrap Up Virtual

Lunch in person

Option Field Tour