

Friends of White's Woods

September, 2021- -November, 2025 Webinars*

*All FWW webinars have been/will be recorded and available on the FWW website:
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Old-Growth Forests: Ecosystems with Community Benefits. Brian Kane, Old Growth Forest Network Mid-Atlantic Regional Manager, November 13, 2025, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Predicting and Managing Pollinator Health in a Changing World. Dr. Christina M. Grozinger, Director, Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences Pennsylvania State University, September 25, 2025, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Public Land Priorities in the Latino Climate Justice Framework, Olivia Juarez, Public Lands Director, GreenLatinos, March 27, 2025, noon-1:00 p.m.

One Size Does Not Fit All: Complex Interactions Of Soil Chemistry and Deer-Browsing Explain Forest Plant Regeneration. Daniell Begly-Miller, Ph.D., Post-doctoral Scholar Penn State University Department of Ecosystem Science and Management, February 27, 2025, 4:00-5:00 P.M.

A Brief Tour of Some of Pennsylvania's Big Trees and How to Measure Them, Dale Luthringer, DCNR Environmental Education Specialist, Cook Forest State Park, November 22, noon - 1:00 p.m.

Forest-clearing to Create Early-successional Habitats: Questionable Benefits, Significant Costs. Michael Kellet, Executive Director, RESTORE: North Woods, September 25, 2024, noon-1:00pm

"Saving the Blackwater Canyon," Judy Rodd, Executive Director, Friends of Blackwater Falls, March 21, 2024, noon-1:00 p.m.

"White's Woods Stewardship Plan and Ongoing Project Updates," Chris Anderson, White Township Manager, February 27, 2024, noon- 1:00 p.m.

"Living on the Hinge of History- The Moral Claim of the Climate Crisis". Rev. Jim Antal, Special Advisor on Climate Justice to United Church of Christ General Minister and President, November 16, 2023, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Managing YOUR Public Lands: Creating lasting partnerships between the public and land management agencies. Braden Meiter, Lead Supervisory Park Ranger. Allegheny County Parks, October 26, 2023 4:00-5:00 p.m.

"Caring for the Land, the Future, and Each Other." Curt Meine, Senior Fellow, Aldo Foundation, September 28, 2023, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

"Tree diversity survey of Whites Woods Nature Center, Indiana County, PA." Marion Holmes, PhD, University of Pittsburgh, May 25, 2023, 4:00-5:00 PM

"Natural Heritage Inventories and Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Old Growth Project," Scott Schuette, PhD, Botany Program Manager, Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, April 27, 2023, 4:00-5:00 PM

"The Tree of Outdoor Recreation," Nathan Reigner, Director of Outdoor Recreation, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, March 23, 2023, 4:00-5:00 PM

"Natural Area Forests in US Cities: Opportunities and Challenges." Clara Pregitzer, PhD, Deputy Director of Conservation Science, Natural Areas Conservancy, February 23, 2023, 4:00-5:00 PM

"Climate Change - what past records of climate tell us about our future." Steven Hoven, Dean, John J. and Char Kopchick College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, IUP, January 26, 2023, 4:00-5:00 PM.

"Engaged Passive Management: Conservation Strategies of 23,000 acres of Massachusetts Forestlands." Tom Lautzenheiser, Central/West Regional Scientist, Massachusetts Audubon November 10, 2023.

"Dead Wood & Fungi: Critical Parts of the Forest Ecosystems, with an Introduction to the Ned Smith Center for Nature & Art." Jerry Hassinger, Pennsylvania Game Commission, retired. John P. Booth, Executive Director Ned Smith Center for Nature & Art. October 13, 2023. **"Climate Change and Penn's Woods – What Does the Future Hold?"**

"Climate Change in Penn's Woods: What does the Future Hold," Greg Czarnecki, Director of Applied Climate Science, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, September 22, 2022

"Current Research on Community Experience of and Preferences about White's Woods." Dr. Susan Boser, Professor of Sociology, IUP & Adam Jones, doctoral student. July 28, 4:00-5:00 PM. W

"What Improves a Forest?" Jess Riddle, Executive Director, Georgia Forest Watch, April 7, 2022

"White's Woods Nature Center: Current Value & Future Care" Friends of White's Woods Board of Directors, Tuesday, March 15, 2022 (noon)

"Options to Restore Forest Cover in Indiana, Pennsylvania to Help Tackle Climate Change." Dr. Susan Cook-Patton, Senior Forest Restoration Scientist, The Nature Conservancy, Thursday, February 24, 2022

"Preserving Town-Owned Forests," Dr. Joan Maloof, author and Executive Director of Old-Growth Forest Network Thursday, January 27, 2022

"Swallowed by the Trees: The Unremembered History of White's Woods," Dr. Kevin Patrick, IUP Geography and Regional Planning Department Thursday, December 9, 2021

"Invasive Plant Inventory and Management Report for White's Woods," Dr. Sara Keubbing and Dr. Marion Holmes, the University of Pittsburgh Invasion Ecology Research Lab—October 21, 2021

"Carbon Offsets: Producing Income from Valuable Greenspace," Alyson Fearon, Senior Director of Community Conservation and Resiliency for the Allegheny Land Trust, September 28, 2021

"The Ecological Impact of Invasive Plants" Dr. Sara Kuebbing, Director & Dr. Marion Holmes, University of Pittsburgh Invasive Plant Laboratory, May 20, 2021.

"The Hartley Wood Restoration Project," Shari Edelson, Director of Operations, The Arboretum at Penn State, April 15, 2021.

"The Nature Conservancy, Family Forest Carbon Project" Kevin Yoder, FWW Co-sponsor, (Presented at the Indiana County Sustainability Economic Development Task Force Annual Summit), March 5, 2021.

"Comfortable spaces for uncomfortable conversations: The Climate and Rural Systems Partnership of Western Pennsylvania," Dr. Bonnie McGill, Carnegie Natural History Museum February 11, 2021.

"Community Forests: Benefits for Birds and People - Options and Challenges," Dr. Margaret Brittingham, Penn State Department of Ecosystem Science and Management, January 14, 2021.

"The Role of Trees & Forests in Controlling Stormwater," Vincent Cotrone, Penn State Extension, November 19, 2020.

“The Health of White’s Woods,” Mike Wolf, Appalachian Forest Consultants, October 22, 2020.

“Using Goats to Control Invasive Plant Species,” Gavin Deming, Allegheny Goatscape, September 24, 2020.