

2026 FEMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A Focus on Regeneration

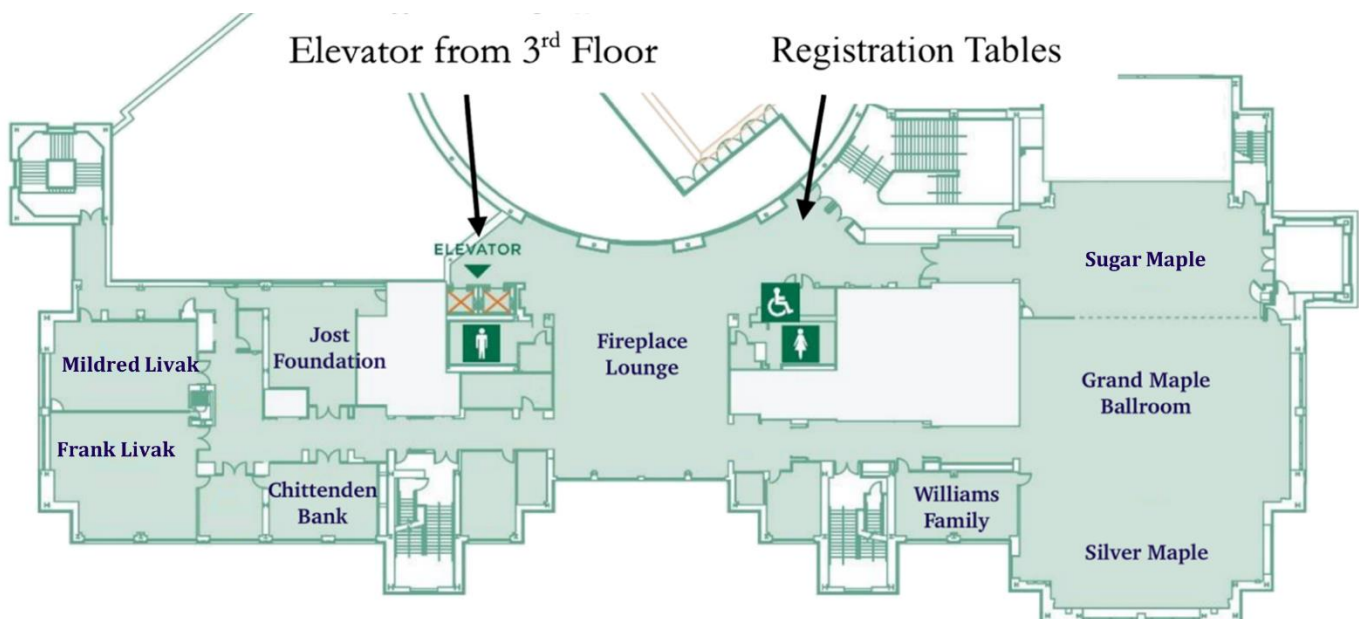
November 13, 2026

8:00 – 8:45 am	Coffee and Registration
<i>In person Fireplace Lounge</i>	Arrival and check-in.
8:45 – 9:45 am	Welcome and Introduction
<i>In-person and Virtual Grand Maple Ballroom</i>	FEMC Director Alison Adams and FEMC Steering Committee Vice Chair Will Hochholzer will provide introductory remarks. Special session introductions: Dr. Anne Jefferson will introduce the Northeastern States Research Cooperative (NSRC). Drs. Peter Clark and Tony D’Amato will share details about a special reforestation session. FEMC State Coordinators will provide updates from each state
9:45 – 11:00 am	Plenary Presentation and Discussion
<i>In-person and Virtual Grand Maple Ballroom</i>	Dr. Stephen Keller, Kathleen Stutzman, and ... will share their perspectives on forest regeneration from the genetic to landscape scales. Dr. Carrie Pike will serve as moderator for the discussion. Audience questions will be accepted.
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee Break – Fireplace Lounge
11:20 am – 12:05 pm	Concurrent Talks – Session 1
<i>In-person and Virtual 4th Floor Davis Center Rooms</i>	Parallel tracks of 20-minute presentations contributed by cooperators on various forest ecosystem research, monitoring, and outreach activities. (See details on next page)
12:05 – 1:10 pm	Lunch Break – Fireplace Lounge and Grand Maple Ballroom
1:10 – 2:45 pm	Concurrent Talks and Workshops – Session 2
<i>In-person and Virtual 4th Floor Davis Center Rooms</i>	Parallel tracks of presentations and workshop-style sessions contributed by cooperators on various forest ecosystem research, monitoring, and outreach activities. (See details on next page)
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Coffee Break – Fireplace Lounge
3:00 – 4:35 pm	Concurrent Talks and Workshops – Session 3
<i>In-person and Virtual 4th Floor Davis Center Rooms</i>	Parallel tracks of presentations and workshop-style sessions contributed by cooperators on various forest ecosystem research, monitoring, and outreach activities. (See details on next page)
4:35 – 5:30 pm	Poster Session and Social Hour – Fireplace Lounge

Concurrent Talks – Session 1

11:20 – 12:05

Time	Fungal Ecology	Alpine Ecology	Monitoring and Conservation		
	<i>Jost</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Chittenden Bank</i>	<i>Silver Maple</i>	<i>Sugar Maple</i>
11:20 – 11:40	TBD	Photomonitoring of Alpine Vegetation on Mount Mansfield	Tracking spring wildflower phenological sensitivity to microclimate in the rich northern hardwood forests of southern Vermont	Lunch Set up	Lunch Set up
	<i>Andrew Swafford</i>	<i>Claudia Mabley</i>	<i>Morgan Southgate</i>		
11:45 – 12:05	Investigating Myco-Phytoremediation in a Restored Multi-Functional Riparian Forested Buffer <i>Jess Rubin</i>	Alpine plants in a warming world: Updates from the PEEACC Project <i>Jordon Tourville</i>	Vermont Town Forest Records Digitization Project and Town Forest Conservancy of New England <i>Robert McCullough and Cecilia Danks</i>		



Concurrent Talks – Session 2

1:10 – 2:45

Time	NSRC 1	Riparian Ecology	Ash Aftermath	Technology	Reforestation
	<i>Jost</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Chittenden Bank</i>	<i>Silver Maple</i>	<i>Sugar Maple</i>
1:10 – 1:30	Mapping Forest Structure and Biomass Across the Northeast	Messy, Connected, and Complex: A Unifying Concept for Restoring Vermont's Riverscapes	Past findings and future prospects for emerald ash borer biological control in the Northeast	Mapping Eastern Hemlock Distributions with Satellite Remote Sensing	Current motivations, applications, and challenges for reforestation in the Northeastern US
	<i>Bahram Salehi</i>	<i>Elijah Schumacher</i>	<i>Mitchell Green</i>	<i>Nicholas Cranmer</i>	<i>Anthony D'Amato</i>
1:35 – 1:55	Forest regeneration along elevational gradients: Insights from a multistate forest monitoring network in the northeastern United States.	Long term (>30yr) freshwater mussel population trends in the Missisquoi and Poultney Rivers	Emerald ash borer: What we've learned from 20 years of monitoring in Ohio	Measuring What Has Been Hidden: Ground Penetrating Radar for Non-Destructive Assessment of Tree Root Architecture	TBD
	<i>Martin Dovciak</i>	<i>Paul Marangelo</i>	<i>Kathleen Knight</i>	<i>Marie V Ambusk</i>	
2:00 – 2:20	From monitoring to management: a spatial decision-support framework for spruce budworm in Maine	Stream ecosystem responses to Emerald Ash Borer invasion in riparian forests	Ash-Dominated Forest Dynamics Following Emerald Ash Borer Infestation	Recent developments in monitoring forest health using remote sensing technology	TBD
	<i>Jianheng Zhao</i>	<i>Courtney Larson</i>	<i>Morgan Crouch</i>	<i>Parinaz Rahimzadeh - Bajgiran</i>	
2:25 – 2:45	A belowground perspective on using forest management to mitigate the effects of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid invasion	<i>No Talk Scheduled</i>	Assessing understory plant communities and tree regeneration in passively versus actively managed ash stands impacted by the emerald ash borer	Using UAS (Drones) for Vermont Forest Mapping and Monitoring	TBD
	<i>Andrew Cortese</i>		<i>Jack E. Hatajik</i>	<i>Lauren Cresanti</i>	

Concurrent Talks – Session 3

3:00 – 4:35

Time	NSRC 2	Restoration	Regeneration	Wildlife	Reforestation Working Session
	<i>Jost</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Chittenden Bank</i>	<i>Silver Maple</i>	<i>Sugar Maple</i>
3:00 – 3:20	Mountain Biking and Environmental Justice: What Can "The Bike Boom" Teach us about Recreation Equity? <i>Kimberly Coleman</i>	Restoration of the American Elm to the Northeast <i>Gus Goodwin</i>	Quantifying Slash Wall Wood Volume and Regeneration Outcomes in Northeastern Forests <i>Nicholas Cranmer</i>	A Matter of Scale: Exploring the Applications of LiDAR in Wildlife Studies <i>Tyler J. Hodges</i>	Designing the Future of Reforestation Pipeline in the Northeast <i>Peter Clark</i>
3:25 – 3:45	Maine's Secret Clam Flats: Microtopography Influences Leaf Litter Decay Rates in Managed Forest Wetlands <i>Christina A. Murphy</i>	Searching for lingering black ash: don't wait until it's too late! <i>Radka Wildova</i>	Management promoting old-growth characteristics benefits forest carbon storage over two decades <i>William Keeton</i>	Impacts of site and matrix-level forest conditions on habitat use of early successional bird species <i>Kayley Dillon</i>	
3:50 – 4:10	TBD <i>Scott Ollinger</i>	Butternut trees: managing for the next generation <i>Kylie Roth</i>	Disentangling soil-mediated legacies of acid deposition from co-occurring drivers of tree regeneration in northern US forests <i>Lucas Harris</i>	Residential Botanical Pesticide Applications Reduce Both Tick Density and Non-target Invertebrate Populations <i>Jason Hill</i>	
4:15 – 4:35	TBD <i>Ben Simpson</i>	No Talk Scheduled	Synthesizing 40+ Years of Regeneration Data at Holt Research Forest, Maine <i>Paulina Murray</i>	No Talk Scheduled	

Poster Session
4:35 – 5:30

