

21st Annual Landowner Woods & Wildlife Conference

February 22, 2025 - Culpeper, VA

	Time	Topic	Presenter
General Sessions	8:30	Registration & Refreshments	
	9:00	Introductory remarks	Adam Downing, Virginia Cooperative Extension
	9:15-10:15	Program Kick-off Virginia's Venerable Vernal Pools	Mike Hayslett, Virginia Vernal Pools, LLC

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Concurrent Session	10:30-11:30	a) The Flow of Stream Ecology in Wild Weather	Christine May, Ph.D., JMU Biology Department
		b) Trees for Shade & More (Silvopasture+)	Austin Unruh, Trees for Graziers
		c) Introduction to Woodland Mushrooms	Harry Puffenberger, Va Master Naturalist, Rappahannock Chapter

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Visit Exhibits & Posters (new!)

General Session	12:30 – 1:10	<i>Plenary Session</i> Fire in the Woods: is it bad?	Dasha Maslyukova, VT Dept of Forest Resources & Env. Cons.
Concurrent Session	1:15 – 2:15	a) Resources for Riparian Buffers & Tree Planting (PANEL)	Bryan Hofmann, Panel Moderator - Rappahannock River Roundtable
		b) Conservation Tools for Landowners	Kim Biasioli, Piedmont Environmental Council
		c) Backyard Woodlot Management	Joe Rossetti, Va Dept. of Forestry

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Concurrent Session	2:30 – 3:30	a) Invasive vs Native Species: a landowner's perspective	Mike Wenger, Va Master Naturalist, Old Rag Chapter
		b) Timbering: Why, How & Then What	Randy Kyner, Va Dept. of Forestry
		c) Tree & Forest Health Updates	Lori Chamberlin, Va Dept. of Forestry
General Sessions	3:30	Capstone Address State of Virginia's (Deer) Herd	Justin Folks, VA Dept. of Wildlife Resources
	4:30	Closing remarks, <i>door prizes</i> , evaluations, etc.	

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SPEAKERS:

- Mike Hayslett, Principal Consultant, Virginia Vernal Pools, LLC.
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- Christine May, Ph.D., Associate Professor, JMU Biology Department.
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- Austin Unruh, CEO/Founder, Trees for Graziers. austin@treesforgraziers.com
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- Dasha Maslyukova, Ph.D. student, VT Dept of Forest Resources & Environmental Conservation. dmaslyuk@vt.edu
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Event handlers

Registration: Greg Lillard (VCE) & Steph DeNicola (SWCD)

Session facilitators:

- Greg Lillard, VCE
- Abby Tenney, DOF
- Peter Schoderbek, DOF
- Kelsi Steele, John Marshall SWCD