



ANREP 15th Biennial Conference
Wilmington, North Carolina
May 12-15 2026

Confluence of Knowledge: Charting the Future of Natural Resource Extension
Cape Fear Community College, Union Station (U) Building, 502 N Front St, Wilmington, NC 28401

Conference Program

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Registration

Location: U501 (5th floor lobby)

[Location: U501 \(5th floor lobby\)](#)

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 12:45pm - 4:00pm

Pre-conference Tours

Location: U501 (5th floor lobby)

Tours - Pre-registration required. Transportation will leave Cape Fear Community College at 1 PM

- Visit the USS North Carolina Battleship
- New Hanover County Arboretum

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Newcomer Orientation

Location: Room U512

[Location: Room U512](#)

Attending ANREP's biennial conference for the first time? Welcome! Conferences can be exhilarating, but also a little overwhelming. Join us for this dedicated orientation session designed to help you hit the ground running.

In this session, you will discover how to maximize your conference experience by:

- **Getting the "inside scoop":** Learn how to navigate the venue and access the online program book.
- **Strategizing your schedule:** Get advice from veteran attendees on how to pick the right sessions.
- **Starting to network:** Meet other first-timers in a low-pressure environment so you'll have familiar faces to recognize in the hallways later.

Don't wander the hallways and rooms alone—start your ANREP Conference experience with confidence and colleagues!

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Registration

Location: Wilmington Railroad Museum, 505 Nutt St, Wilmington, NC 28401

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Tuesday, May 12, 2026 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Welcome Reception

Location: Wilmington Railroad Museum, 505 Nutt St, Wilmington, NC 28401

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Start your conference experience by joining fellow attendees for drinks, bites, and networking at the Welcome Reception. This is the perfect opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and meet newcomers before the sessions begin. Enjoy a selection of hors d'oeuvres and beverages in a relaxed setting. You will also have an opportunity to explore the [Wilmington Railroad Museum](#). Directions from the conference venue, Cape Fear Community College; Union (U) Station Building, 502 N. Front St, to the welcome reception venue, Wilmington Railroad Museum, 505 Nutt St, can be obtained from this [map](#).

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 7:00am - 6:00pm

Registration

Location: U501 (5th floor lobby)

[Location: U501 \(5th floor lobby\)](#)

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 8:30am - 9:45am

Welcome & Opening Session - Charting the Future of Natural Resource Extension

Location: Room U170

[Location: Room U170](#)

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Kick off the ANREP 2026 Biennial Conference with an inspiring welcome session that will set the stage for our theme, "Confluence of Knowledge: Charting the Future of Natural Resource Extension." We will embark on a two-part exploration of our coastal host location, focusing on the critical, intertwined relationship between people and natural resources. Join us as we chart the future of natural resource Extension by understanding the vital intersection of landscape and community knowledge.

Introductory Remarks

- **Dr. David Monks**, Vice Provost for Outreach and Engagement and Director, NC State Extension
- **Dr. M. Ray McKinnie**, Associate Dean & Cooperative Extension Administrator, N.C. A&T

Opening Plenary

"A Sense of Place: The Landscape Perspective"

Dr. Marcelo Ardón, Professor, Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources, NC State University

Dr. Ardón will provide a landscape-level view of the challenges and innovative approaches facing this dynamic environment. His presentation will ground us in the unique natural resource issues of the coastal North Carolina setting, providing a real-world context for the innovative programming and exchange of ideas that will follow throughout the conference.

"A Sense of Community: The People Perspective"

Dr. Whitney Knollenberg, Associate Professor, and Department Extension Leader in North Carolina State University's Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management

Dr. Knollenberg will shift the focus to the human element, providing local examples of where people and natural resources are inextricably linked. Her discussion will highlight the community, social, and economic dynamics interwoven with the region's natural resources.

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 9:45am - 10:00am

Break

Location: U508-Daniels Hall

[Location: U508-Daniels Hall](#)

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 10:00am - 10:30am

Concurrent Sessions 1A - Oral Presentations

Location: Rooms U402, U404, U405, U406, U408

Locations:



Room U402: Forest & Urban Management - Sponsored by

Room U404: Environmental Education & Youth Engagement

Room U405: Ecosystem Health, Climate, & Fire

Room U406: Water Resources & Sustainable Ag & Horticulture

Room U408: Community Development, Leadership, Land Use, & Other

Helping Landowners Overcome Barriers to Entry to Forest Management: The Illinois Beginning Forest Landowner Program

Location: Room U402

Presenting Author

Chris Evans

University of Illinois

Co-Author

Kevin Rohling

University of Illinois

Game-Based Learning for Resilient Communities: Strengthening Local Decisions and Collaboration with the Watershed Game

Location: Room U404

Presenting Author

Susan Lunt

Clemson University

Community-Driven Flood Mitigation in Wilson, NC: The Process is the Product

Location: Room U405

Presenting Author

Vinicius Taguchi

North Carolina State University

Co-Author

Angela Allen

North Carolina State University

Co-Author

Maribel Herrera

SeaGrant

Co-Author

William Hunt

North Carolina State University

Increasing Awareness of Health Risks Through Private Water Supply Education and Water Testing

Location: Room U406

Presenting Author

Susan Boser

Penn State Extension

Co-Author

Danielle Rhea

Penn State Extension

The Pitch Party: Harnessing Partner Networks to Build Flexible, Fundable Conservation Projects

Location: Room U408

Presenting Author

Catie Geib

UW-Madison Division of Extension

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 10:30am - 11:00am

Concurrent Sessions 1B - Oral Presentations

Location: Rooms U402, U404, U405, U406, U408

Locations:



Room U402: Forest & Urban Management - Sponsored by

Room U404: Environmental Education & Youth Engagement

Room U405: Ecosystem Health, Climate, & Fire

Room U406: Water Resources & Sustainable Ag & Horticulture

Room U408: Community Development, Leadership, Land Use, & Other

Long-Term Impacts of Multi-Session Courses vs. Single Day Education Events for Family Forest Owners

Location: Room U402

Presenting Author

Kevin Zobrist

Washington State

University

Going Nuts for ACORNS: Developing an Extension Tree Seed Collection Course

Location: Room U404

Presenting Author

Kira Pollack

University of

Minnesota

Climate-Ready Woodlands: A Resilience Toolbox for Woodland Stewards

Location: Room U405

Presenting Author

Anna Stockstad

University of Minnesota

Extension

Co-Author

Angela Gupta

University of

Minnesota

Co-Author

Emily Dombeck

University of Minnesota

Extension

Building Extension Impact Through Utility Partnerships

Location: Room U406

Presenting Author

Nick Taylor

University of Florida

Co-Author

Kaitlin Robb Price

University of Florida

Trawl to Trash: The Building of a NETWORK

Location: Room U408

Presenting Author
Brooke Saari
South Carolina Sea
Grant Consortium

Co-Presenter
Bryan Fluech
University of Georgia
Marine Extension and
Georgia Sea Grant

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 11:00am - 11:30am

Concurrent Sessions 1C - Oral Presentations

Location: Rooms U402, U404, U405, U406, U408

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Room U408: Community Development, Leadership, Land Use, & Other

The Woods in Your Backyard: Impacts and Lessons Learned From Ten Years of a Residential Natural Areas Management Course

Location: Room U402

<i>Presenting Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>
Daniel Pratson	Jonathan Kays	Andrew Kling
University of Maryland	University of Maryland	University of Maryland

Agrivoltaics as Land Stewardship: Decision Tools for Extension Educators

Location: Room U405

<i>Presenting Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>
Drew Schiavone	Paul Goeringer	Elizabeth Thilmany
University of Maryland	University of Maryland	University of Maryland

10:00 am - 10:30 am - Collaborative Planning for Green Stormwater Infrastructure to Enhance Coastal Resilience

Location: Room U406

Presenting Author
Holly Abeels
The University of
Florida

Talking Trash: Community-Engaged Efforts to Reduce Litter in Urban Waterways

Location: Room U408

<i>Presenting Author</i> Madison Haley North Carolina State University	<i>Co-Presenter</i> Barbara Doll NC Sea Grant & NC State University	<i>Co-Author</i> Gloria Putnam NC Sea Grant	<i>Co-Author</i> Christy Perrin NC Sea Grant & Water Resources Research Institute
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Unbridled Truths: Youth Curriculum at the Crossroads of the Mustang Management Debate

Location: Room U404

<i>Presenting Author</i> Steven Price Utah State University Extension - Carbon Co.	<i>Co-Author</i> Jessie Hadfield Utah State University Extension	<i>Co-Author</i> Laura Snell University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources	<i>Co-Author</i> Nikki Frey Utah State University Extension/USU Wildland Resources Dept.
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<i>Co-Author</i> Kalen Taylor Utah State University Extension - Millard Co.	<i>Co-Author</i> David Lile University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources
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Wednesday, May 13, 2026 11:30am - 11:40am

Concurrent Sessions 1D - Ignite Sessions

Location: Rooms U402, U404, U405, U406, U408

Locations:

Room U402: Program Design & Delivery

Room U404: Program Design & Delivery



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DIVISION OF EXTENSION
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Room U406: Partnership & Collaborations - Sponsored by

Room U408: Program Evaluation & Impact, & Needs Assessment

Packing Light, Saving Heavy: A Tiered Extension Model for Energy and Water

Location: Room U402

Presenting Author
Lesly Jerome
Program for Resource
Efficient Communities

Making Onboarding Less Off-Putting: A Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Program for New Extension Agents

Location: Room U404

Presenting Author
Amy Rowe
Rutgers University

Working with Artists and Technology to Create Engaging Learning Tools

Location: Room U405

Presenting Author
Megan Weber
University of Minnesota
Extension

International Extension Exchange

Location: Room U406

<i>Presenting Author</i>	<i>Co-Presenter</i>
Kurt Smith	Robert Bardon
NC State University	NC State University

We Give a Shuck: Evaluating NC Oyster Trail Visitor Experiences

Location: Room U408

<i>Presenting Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>
Ann Savage	Whitney Knollenberg	Jane Harrison
NC State University	NC State University	NC Sea Grant

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 11:40am - 11:50am

Concurrent Sessions 1E - Ignite Sessions

Location: Rooms U402, U404, U405, U406, U408

Locations:

Room U402: Program Design & Delivery
Room U404: Program Design & Delivery



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Room U406: Partnership & Collaborations - Sponsored by

Room U408: Program Evaluation & Impact, & Needs Assessment

Lifelong Learners: Adult Coastal Camp Engages the Community in Estuarine Ecology and Conservation

Location: Room U402

Presenting Author
Carolyn Kovacs

UF/IFAS Extension

Factors and Barriers of Extension Programming Adoption: A Case Study of Georgia Green Landscape Stewards

Location: Room U404

Presenting Author *Co-Presenter*
Martin Wunderly Heather Kolich
University of Georgia *University of Georgia*

Who Eats Your Guts? Participatory Science & Understanding Scavenger Biology Through the Offal Wildlife Watching Project

Location: Room U405

Presenting Author *Co-Author* *Co-Author* *Co-Author*
Grace Milanowski Ellen Candler Joseph Bump Amy Rager
Conservation *University of Alaska-* *University of* *University of Minnesota*
Sciences, University of *Fairbanks* *Minnesota* *Extension*
Minnesota/UMN
Extension

See the Forest For the Careers: ForestryWorks of Kentucky

Location: Room U406

Presenting Author *Co-Presenter* *Co-Presenter*
Frannie Preston Chad Niman Laurie Thomas
University of Kentucky *University of Kentucky* *University of Kentucky*
FNR- Extension *FNR- Extension* *FNR- Extension*

Connecting Knowledge with Care: Trauma-Informed Strategies for Extension

Location: Room U408

Presenting Author
Carrie Berger
Oregon State
University

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 11:50am - 12:00pm

Concurrent Sessions 1F - Ignite Sessions

Location: Rooms U402, U404, U405, U406, U408

Locations:

[Room U402: Program Design & Delivery](#)
[Room U404: Program Design & Delivery](#)

[Room U405: Innovative Approaches](#) - Sponsored by





Room U406: Partnership & Collaborations - Sponsored by

Room U408: Program Evaluation & Impact, & Needs Assessment

Saving Water Through a Statewide Landscape Irrigation Evaluation Program

Location: Room U402

<i>Presenting Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>
Kaitlin Robb Price	Nicholas Taylor
<i>University of Florida</i>	<i>University of Florida</i>

Creating Synergy Between the Michigan Naturalist and the Michigan Conservation Stewards Programs

Location: Room U404

<i>Presenting Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>
Bindu Bhakta	Julie Crick
<i>Michigan State University Extension</i>	<i>Michigan State University Extension</i>

Coming Home to Roost: Building Nest Boxes for Georgia's Native Species

Location: Room U405

<i>Presenting Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>
Carsen Dean	Allison Johnson	Laura Ney	Derrick Jones
<i>UGA Extension-Oconee County</i>	<i>UGA Extension-Dade County</i>	<i>UGA Extension-Athens-Clarke County</i>	<i>UGA Extension-Jasper County</i>

Learn About the National Extension Native Plant Initiative (NENPI)

Location: Room U406

<i>Presenting Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>
Cathryn Pugh	Michele Bakacs
<i>Penn State Extension</i>	<i>Rutgers Cooperative Extension</i>

Team Collaboration and Overcoming Challenges in Meadow Establishment

Location: Room U408

<i>Presenting Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>
Glen Bupp	Lacey Goldberg	Carey McDougall
<i>Penn State Extension</i>	<i>Penn State University</i>	<i>Penn State University</i>

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Awards Luncheon

Location: U508-Daniels Hall

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Join us for a celebratory Awards Luncheon to recognize the outstanding achievements in natural resource Extension across the country. This special event will honor the winners of the Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals (ANREP) Annual Awards Program.

- Introductory Remarks: **Dr. Myron Floyd**, Dean, College of Natural Resources, NC State University

This program is dedicated to encouraging, supporting, and recognizing exceptional natural resource programs. It fosters high standards among ANREP members and promotes the expansion of high-quality, innovative materials and programs by honoring the most outstanding members, partners, and the educational resources they develop.

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 1:30pm - 2:00pm

Concurrent Sessions 2A - Oral Presentations

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Digital Forest Management: Connecting Landowners to Their Land Through Smartphone Mapping

Location: Room U402

Presenting Author

Alicia Christiansen

Oregon State

University

Co-Author

Norma Kline

Oregon State

University

Bats Are Where It's At!

Location: Room U404

Presenting Author

Kasey Bozeman

University of Georgia

Tees, Trees, and Natural Enemies: Integrating Biodiversity and Water Resource Conservation into Turfgrass Extension

Location: Room U405

Presenting Author

Bonnie Wells
*University of
Florida/IFAS Extension
Osceola County*

Failing Forward: What Stormwater BMP Maintenance Can Teach Us About Resilient Practice

Location: Room U406

Presenting Author

Amanda Rockler
*University of Maryland,
Sea Grant Extension*

Co-Presenter

Amy Scaroni
Clemson University

Propagating Native Plants for Restoration Plantings in Public Parks

Location: Room U408

Presenting Author

William Errickson
*Rutgers Cooperative
Extension*

Co-Presenter

R.J. Curcio
*Monmouth County
Park System*

Co-Author

Maggie Coakley
*Monmouth County
Park System*

Co-Author

Timothy Waller
*Rutgers Cooperative
Extension*

Co-Author

Dennis McNamara
*Rutgers Cooperative
Extension*

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 2:00pm - 2:30pm

Concurrent Sessions 2B - Oral Presentations

Location: Rooms U402, U404, U405, U406, U408

Locations:

Room U402: Forest & Urban Management

Room U404: Environmental Education & Youth Engagement

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Room U406: Water Resources & Sustainable Ag & Horticulture

Room U408: Community Development, Leadership, Land Use, & Other

Guided Engagement: Using Asynchronous Learning to Create Forest Stewards

Location: Room U402

Presenting Author

Kathryn Brooks
Penn State Extension

Building Skills and Confidence: A New Era of Foraging, Fishing, and Hunting Education in Ohio

Location: Room U404

<i>Presenting Author</i> Erika Lyon <i>Ohio State University Extension</i>	<i>Co-Presenter</i> Janessa Hill <i>Ohio State University Extension</i>	<i>Co-Presenter</i> Carrie Brown <i>Ohio State University Extension</i>	<i>Co-Author</i> Caitlin Harris <i>Harrison County Soil & Water Conservation District</i>
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Eyes on Seagrass: A Statewide Community Science Seagrass Monitoring Program

Location: Room U405

<i>Presenting Author</i> Lisa Krinsky <i>University of Florida IFAS</i>	<i>Co-Presenter</i> Katherine Rose <i>University of Florida IFAS</i>	<i>Co-Author</i> Holly Abeels <i>University of Florida IFAS</i>	<i>Co-Author</i> Vincent Encomio <i>University of Florida IFAS</i>
<i>Co-Author</i> Carolyn Kovacs <i>University of Florida IFAS</i>	<i>Co-Author</i> Andrea Lazzari <i>University of Florida IFAS</i>		

Water Quality Testing and Education on the Use of Roadside Springs in Pennsylvania

Location: Room U406

<i>Presenting Author</i> Justin Mansberger <i>Pennsylvania State Extension</i>	<i>Co-Presenter</i> Faith Kibuye <i>Penn State University</i>
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Enriching Educators' Professional Development Experience Through Exploring a Variety of Stakeholder Voices

Location: Room U408

<i>Presenting Author</i> Jessica Ireland <i>North Carolina Forestry Association</i>	<i>Co-Author</i> Renee Strnad <i>North Carolina State University, College of Natural Resource</i>
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Wednesday, May 13, 2026 2:30pm - 3:00pm

Concurrent Sessions 2C - Oral Presentations

Location: Rooms U402, U404, U405, U406, U408

Locations:

Room U402: Forest & Urban Management
Room U404: Environmental Education & Youth Engagement
Room U405: Ecosystem Health, Climate, & Fire
Room U406: Water Resources & Sustainable Ag & Horticulture

Room U408: Community Development, Leadership, Land Use, & Other

From the Woods Today: Bridging the Digital Gap Between Forests and the Public - Assessing the Impact of an Online Progra

Location: Room U402

<i>Presenting Author</i>	<i>Co-Presenter</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>
Renee' Williams	Billy Thomas	Ellen Crocker
<i>UK Forestry and Natural Resources Extension</i>	<i>UK Forestry and Natural Resources Extension</i>	<i>UK Forestry and Natural Resources Extension</i>

Virginia Master Naturalist Program Collaborates with State Wildlife Agency to Improve Human-Wildlife Interactions

Location: Room U404

<i>Presenting Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>
Michelle Prysby	Courtney Hallacher	Lisa Mease	Meagan Thomas
<i>Virginia Tech</i>	<i>Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources</i>	<i>Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources</i>	<i>Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources</i>

Pollinator Ambassador Academy: Building Urban Leadership for Pollinator Conservation and Citizen Science

Location: Room U405

Presenting Author
Jeremy Rhoden
University of Florida

GROBucks: Supporting Residents to Grow Food

Location: Room U406

<i>Presenting Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>
Amanda Bennett	Alisha Barton
<i>Ohio State University</i>	<i>Ohio State University</i>

Culturally Responsive Natural Resource and Hazards Extension with Latino and Mesoamerican Communities on Oregon's Coast

Location: Room U408

<i>Presenting Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>
Aaron Groth	Beatriz Botello	Felicia Olmeta Schult	Emily Reilly
<i>Oregon State University Extension Service Fire Program</i>	<i>Oregon State University Extension Service</i>	<i>Oregon Sea Grant/Oregon State University Extension Service</i>	<i>Oregon State University Extension Service</i>

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 3:00pm - 3:30pm

Break

Location: U508-Daniels Hall

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Wednesday, May 13, 2026 3:30pm - 3:40pm

Concurrent Sessions 2D - Ignite Sessions

Location: Rooms U402, U404, U405, U406, U408

Locations:

Room U402: Program Design & Delivery

Room U404: Program Design & Delivery

Room U405: Innovative Approaches

Room U406: Partnership & Collaborations

Room U408: Program Evaluation & Impact, & Needs Assessment

Building Statewide Consistency in Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Events

Location: Room U402

Presenting Author

Emily Heald

University of Wisconsin

Madison Division of

Extension

The Great Southeast Pollinator Census: A Model for Youth Engagement in Insect Conservation

Location: Room U404

Presenting Author

Becky Griffin

University of Georgia

Extension/Ctr. for

Urban Ag

Co-Author

Amanda Bratcher

North Carolina

Extension

Developing Climate-Ready Windbreak and Silvopasture Recommendations Using a Delphi Process

Location: Room U405

Presenting Author

Gary Wyatt

University of

Minnesota

Co-Author

Kira Pollack

University of Minnesota

Extension

Co-Author

Angela Gupta

University of Minnesota

Extension

Building a Collaborative Woodland Owner Outreach Program in Support of the Ohio Interagency Forestry Network.

Location: Room U406

<i>Presenting Author</i> Jim Downs <i>Ohio State University Extension</i>	<i>Co-Presenter</i> Jessica Burns <i>Ohio State University Extension</i>	<i>Co-Author</i> Jenny Stoneking <i>Ohio State University Extension</i>	<i>Co-Author</i> Carrie Brown <i>Ohio State University Extension</i>
<i>Co-Author</i> Ryan Slaughter <i>Ohio State University Extension</i>	<i>Co-Author</i> Josh Winters <i>Ohio State University Extension</i>		

Public Perceptions About the Potential Use of RNA interference (RNAi) Technology to Manage Forest Pests and Pathogens

Location: Room U408

<i>Presenting Author</i> Ellen Crocker <i>University of Kentucky</i>	<i>Co-Author</i> Joy Miracle <i>University of Kentucky</i>	<i>Co-Author</i> Joshua Konkol <i>University of Kentucky</i>	<i>Co-Author</i> Tyler Dreaden <i>USDA Forest Service</i>
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Wednesday, May 13, 2026 3:40pm - 3:50pm

Concurrent Sessions 2E - Ignite Sessions

Location: Rooms U402, U404, U405, U406, U408

Locations:

- [Room U402: Program Design & Delivery](#)
- [Room U404: Program Design & Delivery](#)
- [Room U405: Innovative Approaches](#)
- [Room U406: Partnership & Collaborations](#)
- [Room U408: Program Evaluation & Impact, & Needs Assessment](#)

Monitoring Agronomic and Horticultural Lepidopteran Pests Via an Ohio Scouting Network

Location: Room U402

<i>Presenting Author</i> Beth Scheckelhoff <i>The Ohio State University</i>	<i>Co-Author</i> Curtis Young <i>The Ohio State University</i>	<i>Co-Author</i> Amy Raudenbush <i>The Ohio State University</i>
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Beyond the Surface: The Confluence of Art & Science

Location: Room U404

<i>Presenting Author</i> Heather Nix <i>Clemson University</i>	<i>Co-Presenter</i> Brooke Saari <i>South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium</i>
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How Rewilding Resulted in Two Novel Forests in Minnesota

Location: Room U405

Presenting Author
Angela Gupta
UMN Extension

Taking a Collaborative Multi-State Approach to Urban Forestry Needs Assessment

Location: Room U406

<i>Presenting Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>
Sarah Low	Miles Becker	Joseph Hulbert
<i>Oregon State University</i>	<i>Utah State University</i>	<i>Washington State University</i>

Bye Bye, Bradford: The Impact of Bradford Pear Bounty Programs

Location: Room U408

<i>Presenting Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>
Courtney Johnson	Jordan Bailey	David Coyle	Kelly Oten
<i>North Carolina State University</i>	<i>Clemson University</i>	<i>Clemson University</i>	<i>North Carolina State University</i>

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 3:50pm - 4:00pm

Concurrent Sessions 2F - Ignite Sessions

Location: Rooms U402, U404, U405, U406, U408

Locations:

[Room U402: Program Design & Delivery](#)

[Room U404: Program Design & Delivery](#)

[Room U405: Innovative Approaches](#)

[Room U406: Partnership & Collaborations](#)

[Room U408: Program Evaluation & Impact, & Needs Assessment](#)

From Research to Resources: Exploring Management for a New Invasive Pest

Location: Room U402

<i>Presenting Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>
Delaney Serpan	Steven Frank	Kelly Oten
<i>North Carolina State University</i>	<i>North Carolina State University</i>	<i>North Carolina State University</i>

Per-and Poly-Fluorinated Alkyl Substances (PFAS) Workshop for Extension Educators and Volunteers

Location: Room U404

<i>Presenting Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>	<i>Co-Author</i>
Faith Kibuye	Faith Kibuye	Andy Yencha	Heather Preisendanz
<i>Penn State University</i>	<i>Penn State Extension</i>	<i>Penn State Extension</i>	<i>Penn State University</i>

Ohio State Maple – A Sweet Collaboration

Location: Room U406

Presenting Author

Carri Jagger

Ohio State University

Co-Author

Gabriel Karns

*Ohio State School of
Environment and
Natural Resources*

Co-Author

Kathy Smith

*Ohio State University
Extension*

Co-Author

Jake Nicholson

*Ohio State School of
Environment and
Natural Resources*

It Takes a Village (and Extension Agents) to Stop a Spotted Lanternfly

Location: Room U408

Presenting Author

Rebecca Craps

*N.C. Cooperative
Extension*

Stinknet Patrol: Early Detection-Rapid Response Volunteer Task Force for Species Eradication and Control

Location: Room U405

Presenting Author

Christopher Jones

University of Arizona

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Poster Session and Reception

Location: U508-Daniels Hall

Location: U508-Daniels Hall

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Wrap up the day by interacting with your colleagues, while exploring posters chronicling the latest research, programs, and practices. Whether you are looking for new partnerships or fresh inspiration, this is your opportunity to ask questions, gather information, and make connections while viewing innovative projects.

Enjoy complimentary drinks and light bites as you browse the posters and engage in conversations.

A Green Stormwater Infrastructure Demonstration Site for Many Audiences

Presenting Author

Martin Wunderly

University of Georgia

Co-Author

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Bridging Cultures and Conservation: Engaging Southeast Asian Communities in Invasive Species Awareness through Foraging

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Charting Fire Adapted Futures: Local Capacity Building Through Idaho's Wildfire Adaptation Pilot Program

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Eco-Anxiety: What It Is, Why It Matters and How You Can Empower Hope and Agency

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Empowering Lake Stewardship: Insights from Michigan State University Extension's Introduction to Lakes Online Course

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Enhancing Forest Stewardship Through Student and Community Engagement at a University Botanical Garden

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Expanding Groundwater Testing: A Tri-County Model for Private Well Safety in Oregon

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First Investigation of Stream Health Protocol & Educator Workshops

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Fishing for Clues: Using eDNA to Spot Invasive Carp

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Forager to Forester: Teaching Forestry and Forest Ecology Through Wild Harvesting

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Georgia Mountain Agroforestry: Revitalizing Old Appalachian Knowledge

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Going Batty in Oconee County: Engaging Families, Busting Myths, and Promoting Bat Education Through a Community Festival

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Habitat Happens Here: Building Biodiversity Through Backyard Gardening

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Learn How to Broaden Extension Through Graduate Student Training

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Lights Off, Fireflies On: Engaging Youth and Community in Firefly Conservation and Tourism

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Mobilizing Invasive Species Ambassadors- Assessing the Kentucky Invasive Plant Education Training

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Northwest Arkansas Urban Creek Guide

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Northwest Florida Seafood Heritage Series

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Paws, Claws, and Cause: Youth Teaching Wildlife Conservation

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Planting Ideas, Growing Listeners: Master Gardeners on the (Podcast) Mic

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Rebuilding Resilience: Extension-Led Septic and Well Recovery in Lincoln County, Oregon

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Resident Awareness and Fertilizer Use in Florida Counties with Local Ordinances

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Science Under the Stars for National Moth Week: Combining Research and Community

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Showing off Native Plants in the Landscape

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Solar Kilns Increase Wood Use Options for Portable Sawmill Operators

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Sustainable Beekeeping: Equipping Newbies with Tools for Success

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Tackling Food Waste: Household Insights for Sustainable Communities

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Three Counties, One Goal: The Florida-Friendly Landscaping Tri-County Summit

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University of Georgia's Onsite Wastewater Program: Having Fun While Educating about Onsite Wastewater Treatment

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Where Learning Takes Root: Student-Driven Research on Seedling Protection Treatments

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Wild Native Seed Collection and Propagation Teaches Extension Volunteers About Biodiversity

Presenting Author Michele Bakacs Rutgers Cooperative Extension- Middlesex and Union Counties
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Connecting Urban Youth to Natural Resources Through 4-H Programming

Presenting Author Leeoria Willis The Ohio State University Extension
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Wednesday, May 13, 2026 7:15pm - 9:00pm

Special outing - Ghost Tour

Location: Corner of Market Street and Water Street

Ghost Walk of Old Wilmington. Pre-registration is required. The tour will start promptly at 7:15 pm. Directions from the conference venue, Cape Fear Community College; Union (U) Station Building, 502 N. Front St, to the corner of Market St. and Water St. can be obtained from this [map](#).

Thursday, May 14, 2026 7:00am - 5:00pm

Registration

Location: U501 (5th floor lobby)

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Thursday, May 14, 2026 8:00am - 10:00am

Business Meeting Breakfast

Location: U508-Daniels Hall

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Join colleagues for breakfast while receiving updates on the association's financial health, membership trends, and committee progress. This session provides an opportunity to hear directly from leadership and discuss organizational business that impacts both members and the natural resources profession.

Thursday, May 14, 2026 9:00am - 10:15am

Plenary Session - Extension's Role in Disaster Preparedness, Response, Recovery, and Mitigation

Location: Room U508-Daniels Hall

Location: Room U170

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Panelists:

- **Dr. Monty Dozier**, Director of the Disaster Assessment and Recovery Team, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
- **Jerry Moody**, Avery County Extension Director, North Carolina Cooperative Extension
- **Dr. Gavin Smith**, Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning, NC State University

Moderator:

Dr. Mike Yoder, Associate Director & State Program Leader, 4-H with NC State Extension; Coordinator: Emergency Programs

The need for robust community disaster response is more critical than ever, and Extension programs are increasingly called upon to serve as essential hubs for preparedness, management, and recovery.

This dynamic, moderated plenary panel will bring together leading experts and professionals to explore the critical role of Extension in the disaster lifecycle. Panelists will share their extensive experience and offer valuable insights into:

- **Building Resilient Communities:** Strategies for establishing collaborative, long-term partnerships that enhance community preparedness before a disaster strikes.
- **Rapid Response and Recovery:** The immediate and crucial actions Extension must take during and after a climate event or natural resource disaster, drawing on real-world examples like the recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene in 2024.
- **Extension's Pivotal Role:** How local Extension offices become central, trusted sources of information and support, and the leadership required from County Directors in times of crisis.
- **Innovative Program Models:** Discussion of successful disaster assessment and recovery programs, and how Extension can best leverage its unique position within the university system to support local needs.

Thursday, May 14, 2026 10:15am - 10:30am

Break

Location: U508-Daniels Hall

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Organized Sessions

Locations: Rooms U402, U404, U405, U406, U408

Envisioning the Future of Extension Forestry Climate Change Programming

Location: Room U402

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Communicating for Change: Media Tools to Drive Engagement in Natural Resource Issues

Location: Room U404

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Let's Map it Out: Strategic Stakeholder Identification and Engagement Planning

Location: Room U405

Presenting Author
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Training Conservation Professionals to Recognize and Address Natural Resource Concerns on Ag Lands

Location: Room U406

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Strengthening Agricultural Disaster Response: Building Resilience and Preparedness Through Psychological First Aid

Location: Room U408

Presenting Author
McKayla Robinette

Thursday, May 14, 2026 11:45am - 12:15pm

Box lunch pickup and load buses

Location: U508-Daniels Hall

Thursday, May 14, 2026 12:30pm - 5:00pm

Field Experiences

Pre-registration required for all field experiences. If you do not recall which field experience for which you registered, please check with the conference registration desk on the 5th floor.

- Behind the Scenes of Clean Drinking Water
- Festivals, Fire and Flytraps: Exploring Prescribed Fire in Urban Landscapes
- NC Ag Innovation Tour: Research Station to Working Farm
- NC Oyster Trail
- Paddle Wilmington's Hidden Gem: Greenfield Lake
- Pocosins to Pines: North Carolina's Unique Ecosystems
- Silvopasture in Practice: Piney Woods Farm
- Stormwater Control Measures: Beyond the Blueprints
- The Story of a River: An Ecologist's View of the Cape Fear

Thursday, May 14, 2026 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Picnic Dinner

Location: Warehouse on Water, 15 S Water St, Wilmington, NC 28401

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Time to relax and enjoy some Southern hospitality! Join us in the heart of Historic Downtown Wilmington--our venue, the Jacobi Warehouse Building, was established in 1856 and over the years has used to store building materials, hardware, cutlery, artillery, and agricultural equipment. Take in breathtaking river views while unwinding with delicious food, refreshing beverages, and "naturally resourceful" company. Directions from the conference venue, Cape Fear Community College; Union (U) Station Building, 502 N. Front St, to the dinner venue, Warehouse on Water, 15 S Water St, can be obtained from this [map](#).

Friday, May 15, 2026 8:00am - 8:45am

Regional Meetings

Locations:

- Northeast region: Room U402

- North Central region: Room U404
- Southern region: U508-Daniels Hall
- Western region: Room 406



Connect with colleagues from your ANREP region to discuss localized challenges and share successful strategies. These sessions offer a valuable opportunity to connect with colleagues, spark multi-state collaborations, and explore how regional partnerships can enhance your extension impact.

Friday, May 15, 2026 8:45am - 9:30am

Initiative/Committee Meetings

Locations:

- National Extension Energy Initiative: Room U402
- National Extension Native Plant Initiative: Room U404
- National Extension Wildland Fire Initiative: Room U405
- Potential National Extension Water Initiative Discussion: Room U406
- ANREP Standing Committees: Room U508-Daniels Hall

Collaborate with colleagues in these sessions to advance ANREP initiatives focused on compelling natural resource issues, discuss the potential for a new water initiative, or to help drive our association's mission by contributing your expertise to specific committee goals and projects. This is your chance to shape the future of the association and the natural resources extension profession.

ANREP [Initiatives](#):

- National Extension Wildland Fire Initiative (NEWFI)
- National Extension Energy Initiative (NEEI)
- National Extension Native Plant Initiative (NENPI)

Potential Initiatives

- National Extension Water Initiative (NEWI)

ANREP Committees:

- Standing Committees:
 - Awards
 - Communications
 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - Finance/Audit
 - Membership
 - Policy and Procedures
 - Professional and Leadership Development Committee

- Scholarship
- Select Committees:
 - Abstract
 - Bylaws
 - Strategic Planning and Emerging Issues

Friday, May 15, 2026 9:00am - 9:30am

Break

Location: U508-Daniels Hall

Location: [U508-Daniels Hall](#)

Friday, May 15, 2026 9:30am - 10:00am

Concurrent Sessions 3A - Oral Presentations

Locations:

Room U402: Forest & Urban Management

Room U404: Environmental Education & Youth Engagement

Room U405: Ecosystem Health, Climate, & Fire

Room U406: Water Resources & Sustainable Ag & Horticulture

Room U408: Community Development, Leadership, Land Use, & Other

Co-Developing & Disseminating Digital Forestry Tools: Strategies & Products from a Research-Extension Collaboration

Location: Room U402

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Tips for Offering Forest Resiliency Outreach Education for Forestry Professionals in the South

Location: Room U404

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What Training Do They Need Most? Identifying Priorities with the Borich Model and a Prescribed Fire Example

Location: Room U405

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Silvopasture at the Crossroads: Merging Forestry and Livestock for Sustainable Land Use

Location: Room U406

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Engaging Your Audience through Social Media: Current Tips and Tricks for Extension

Location: Room U408

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Friday, May 15, 2026 10:00am - 10:30am

Concurrent Sessions 3B - Oral Presentations

Locations:

Room U402: Forest & Urban Management

Room U404: Environmental Education & Youth Engagement

Room U405: Ecosystem Health, Climate, & Fire

Room U406: Water Resources & Sustainable Ag & Horticulture

Room U408: Community Development, Leadership, Land Use, & Other

Public Attitudes Towards Creative AI Uses in Extension, with a Focus on Ethical and Environmental Challenges

Location: Room U402

Presenting Author

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Shells of Change: Vertical Oyster Garden Community Science

Location: Room U404

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Lessons Learned from Extension 'Master' Programs: Informing Future Volunteer Educational Initiatives

Location: Room U405

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The Roots of Profit: Soil Health as the Key to Sustainable Farming

Location: Room U406

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Media that Connects: The Everyday Environment Project

Location: Room U408

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Friday, May 15, 2026 10:30am - 11:00am

Concurrent Sessions 3C - Oral Presentations

Locations:

Room U402: Forest & Urban Management

Room U404: Environmental Education & Youth Engagement

Room U405: Ecosystem Health, Climate, & Fire

Room U406: Water Resources & Sustainable Ag & Horticulture

Room U408: Community Development, Leadership, Land Use, & Other

Empowering Conservation Practitioners Working at the Agriculture-Conservation Interface

Location: Room U406

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Mudflow! Collaborative Site Mitigation Workshops After Hurricane Helene

Location: Room U402

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Developing and Evaluating Interpretive Extension Programs: A Pilot Study in an Extension Garden

Location: Room U404

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Navigating a Path to Wildfire Recovery for Forest Landowners

Location: Room U405

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Heated Topics, Warm Approaches: Science Communication Tips for Tough Conversations

Location: Room U408

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Friday, May 15, 2026 11:00am - 11:10am

Concurrent Sessions 3D - Ignite Sessions

Locations:

[Room U402: Program Design & Delivery](#)
[Room U404: Program Design & Delivery](#)
[Room U405: Innovative Approaches](#)
[Room U406: Partnership & Collaborations](#)
[Room U408: Program Evaluation & Impact, & Needs Assessment](#)

Woodland Wisdom: A Blended Learning Model for Sustainable Forest Stewardship

Location: Room U402

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Growing Coast Redwood and Giant Sequoia in Oregon - A Resource Guide for Small Woodland Owners

Location: Room U404

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Engaging New Landowners in Forest Management: Lessons from the Wisconsin Stewardship Plan Project

Location: Room U405

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Brewing Up Change: Three Years of Collaborative Invasive Species Prevention Education

Location: Room U406

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Understanding Barrier and Opportunities for Water-Efficient Landscaping in Florida's Green Industry

Location: Room U408

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Friday, May 15, 2026 11:10am - 11:20am

Concurrent Sessions 3E - Ignite Sessions

Locations:

Room U402: Program Design & Delivery

Room U404: Program Design & Delivery

Room U405: Innovative Approaches

Room U406: Partnership & Collaborations

Room U408: Program Evaluation & Impact, & Needs Assessment

Managing Loblolly Pine for Timber or Wildlife? A User-Friendly Decision-Making Tool for forestry stakeholders

Location: Room U402

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Cultivating Knowledge: A Native Plant and Forest Farming Initiative in Appalachia

Location: Room U404

Presenting Author

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Extension-Based Urban and Community Forestry: A Unique Approach to Direct Service

Location: Room U405

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Spotting the Lanternfly: Meeting the Public's Needs for Invasive Species Information

Location: Room U406

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Yaupon: Increasing Sustainable Agriculture Interest in North America's Only Caffeinated Tea Plant

Location: Room U408

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Concurrent Sessions 3F - Ignite Sessions

Locations:

Room U402: Program Design & Delivery

Room U404: Program Design & Delivery

Room U405: Innovative Approaches

Room U406: Partnership & Collaborations

Room U408: Program Evaluation & Impact, & Needs Assessment

Promoting Active Stewardship of Minnesota's Family Forests Through the Minnesota Woodland Steward Program

Location: Room U402

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A Biochar Teaching Tour of Alaska

Location: Room U404

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Wake County Nature Smart Yards: Transforming Lawns into Living Landscapes

Location: Room U405

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Sea Grant Partnering with SASMI to Assess the State of the South Atlantic Salt Marsh

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