

## TRIBAL FOREST ADAPTATION PLANNING AND PRACTICES WORKSHOP



Natural resource managers will learn how to streamline developing and implementing management actions that help ecosystems respond to climate change. This workshop will:

- **Provide information on the current and anticipated effects** of climate change on the forested landscapes across New York and New England.
- **Outline adaptation concepts and strategies** supporting sustainable management of forests, water, and other natural resources.
- **Describe resources and tools that can be used to integrate climate change** into the management of forests and forest watersheds.
- **Identify actions that enhance the ability of forests and other ecosystems to adapt to changing conditions.**

Real-world examples of climate adaptation projects that work to meet landowner goals will be featured, and participants will engage in a variety of interactive activities to identify climate change issues and potential adaptation actions.

### WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE:

Professional foresters and natural resource professionals working for tribal organizations and partners.

**We ask participants to select a real-life land management project relevant to their job to use during the workshop.**

A management project could be part of a forest management plan, timber harvest prescription, or other natural resource management project. We encourage small teams of 2-5 people to work together on your project, but individuals working on their own are also welcome. Small teams would include the people most relevant to making decisions about your project, such as planners, specialists, or managers).

### DETAILS

**September 10-11, 2019**

**Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort**

873 NY-37, Hogansburg, NY 13655

### INTERESTED?

### Sign up!

Contact **Les Benedict**, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, to register:

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**A \$50 registration fee will help offset the workshop costs (waived for tribal staff). Lunch and refreshments will be provided.**



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## September 10

- 8:30 Registration & Coffee
- 9:00 Welcome & Introduction
- 9:20 Project & Participants Introductions (Step 1)
- 9:40 Climate Change and New York's Forests
- 11:00 Identifying Impacts to Your Site (Step 2)
- 12:00 Lunch (Provided)
- 12:45 Group Activity and Discussion (Step 2)
- 1:30 Climate Challenges & Opportunities (Step 3)
- 2:15 Group Activity and Discussion (Step 3)
- 3:00 Forest Adaptation Concepts & Strategies
- 3:30 Real-World Examples of Forest Adaptation
- 3:50 Identifying Adaptation Actions (Step 4)
- 4:30 Adjourn

## September 11

- 8:30 Identifying Adaptation Actions (cont.)
- 9:00 Group Activity and Discussion (Step 4)
- 10:40 Monitoring and Evaluating Effectiveness of Adaptation Actions (Step 5)
- 11:30 Integrating Climate Change into Your Work
- 12:00 Lunch (Provided)

### 1:00 Discussion: What's on your mind?

We've set aside time to discuss the topics and ideas that are on your mind. Please send your suggested discussion topics to [Les Benedict](#) when you register.

- 4:00 Adjourn

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science (NIACS) created an adaptation toolkit for forest managers that we'll use for this workshop. During this active, hands-on training, participants will use the [Adaptation Workbook](#) to consider climate change impacts and identify adaptation options in real-world management situations. We'll cover a variety of resources, including a set of [adaptation strategies and approaches](#) for managing forested landscapes.

Find more information on the structured decision-making process - the Forest Adaptation resources and Adaptation Workbook at: [www.forestadaptation.org/far](http://www.forestadaptation.org/far).

### REAL-WORLD EXAMPLES

Find more than 250 real-world projects that have used the Adaptation Workbook in climate-informed project planning and implementation, featured at [www.forestadaptation.org/demos](http://www.forestadaptation.org/demos).

## BRING YOUR OWN PROJECT

Want get the most out of this workshop? We ask participants to bring real-world projects of your very own to use as examples. You'll lead a small group, and when the dust settles you'll have a custom-built adaptation plan that's ready to implement!

We will host a webinar about 2 weeks prior to the workshop to provide additional details on what to expect and how you can select a project.

Visit [www.forestadaptation.org/SRM](http://www.forestadaptation.org/SRM) or contact Maria Janowiak ([maria.Janowiak@usda.gov](mailto:maria.Janowiak@usda.gov)) for more information.