

Background Information for Developing Potential Presentations of Interest

Tennessee

State Action Plan - <http://www.state.tn.us/agriculture/forestry/sustainability.shtml>

- The *dominant issues* identified in the assessment were grouped together under seven broad categories (I only highlighted the top three)
 1. Forest Health
 - Gypsy Moth; Hemlock Woolly Adelgid; Oak Decline; Invasive species
 2. Public Benefits
 - Forest Based Recreation
 - Ecosystem Services
 3. Private Lands
 - Parcelization, Fragmentation, Land Use Change
 4. Urban Forestry
 5. Forest industry
 6. Education and Outreach
 7. Wildlife and Natural Heritage
- Strategies for addressing dominant issues
 1. Forest Health
 - Reduce susceptibility of forest pests
 - Reduce losses of forestland values due to oak decline
 - Appropriate response and adaptation to climate change
 - Effective public towards control of non-native forest plants and pest
 2. Public Benefits
 - Increase forest based recreation on private and public forest
 - Increased Recognition and values of Ecosystem Services
 - Protect and Manage Wetlands and Riparian Lands
 3. Private Lands
 - Intact and Maintained Forest Landscapes (Parcelization/Fragmentation)
 - Reduced risk from Wildfires
 - Sustained Forest Benefits on Smaller Forestlands

The 2013 Tennessee Healthy Hardwoods Program will address the following issues:

1. Options for treating degraded hardwood stands
2. Keeping a pulse of forest pests in Tennessee
3. Managing forest habitat for healthy wildlife
4. Forest Inventory: healthy forest begin with and inventory

Commission Board Discussion – one issue of several

- Status of forest health pest including EAB, Thousand Cankers Disease, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

Reforestation Component/Activities projected for 2013

- Install black walnut half-sib/open pollinated archive/test for the purpose of thousand canker disease screening and germplasm conservation
- Expand the American Chestnut archives at Scott State Forest.

RO 8 - Regional Competitive Process

- Tennessee is taking the lead in developing a regional plan for The Shortleaf Initiative for several states in the SE

Smoke Management Plan

- State Forester is interested in developing or preparing a smoke management plan for the state

Kentucky

State Action Plan

- Statewide Assessment
<http://forestry.ky.gov/LandownerServices/Pages/ForestlandAssessment.aspx>
 Identifies landscape areas where national, regional and state resource issues and priorities converge. It incorporates the best data available, stakeholder input and other state plans and reports. The assessment is a valuable document for communicating forest-related issues, threats and opportunities in Kentucky. Top five issues derived from public comments:
 - Issue 1 - Forest Health
 - Issue 2 - Water Quality and Quantity
 - Issue 3 - Forest Loss and Fragmentation
 - Issue 4 - Forest Management
 - Issue 5 - Funding
- Forest Resource Strategy (addressing identified issues)
<http://forestry.ky.gov/LandownerServices/Documents/Forest%20Resource%20Strategy.pdf>
 1. Forest Health Strategy
 - a. Reduce the spread of invasive plants, insect and diseases
 - b. Conduct research to improve forest health management techniques and further assess the health of KY forests
 - c. Promote reforestation opportunities on post mining land
 2. Water Quality and Quantity Strategy
 - a. Reduce rate of variation in stream flow and volume with forestry practices
 - b. Improve KY water quality through the protection, enhancement and restoration of forested riparian areas
 3. Forest Fragmentation and Loss strategy
 - a. Increase forest cover on mined land
 - b. Protect or minimize the impact of fragmentation on large forest blocks
 4. Forest Management Strategy
 - a. Publicize the value of KY forest resources and the benefits of proper management

- b. Monitor forest management levels in KY to identify trends, needs, benefits and threats

5. Funding Strategy

Other

- Management of forest land in Kentucky is not common