

Managing Forest Understory and Edges: Guide to Meeting Your Goals

Friday, January 18th 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Morning Session: Understanding the Issues and Setting Goals

- 9:00 a.m. – Welcome: Jay Solomon - *University of Illinois Extension Educator*
Olivia Rauen - *National Wild Turkey Federation Forester*
- Session 1: [Invasive plants species of concern in Northern Illinois \(an Introduction\)](#)
Chris Evans – *U of I Forestry Extension & Research Specialist*
 - Session 2: [Forest Understory and Edge Management \(A Wildlife Biologist's View\)](#)
Ryan Harr - *Iowa DNR Special Projects Wildlife Biologist*
 - Session 3: [Planning Resources for Managing your Natural Area](#)
Paul Bane – *Illinois DNR District Forester*
Paul Searl – *Illinois NRCS Soil Conservationist*

11:30 a.m. – LUNCH BREAK: Local lunch venues listed on the back

Afternoon Session: Taking Action to Meet your Goals

- 1:30 p.m. – Welcome: Jay Solomon - *University of Illinois Extension Educator*
Olivia Rauen - *National Wild Turkey Federation Forester*
- Session 1: [Fighting a Winning Battle Against Invasive Plant Species](#)
Chris Evans – *U of I Forestry Extension & Research Specialist*
 - Session 2: [Planning a Prescribed Burn on Your Landscape](#)
Ryan Harr - *Iowa DNR Special Projects Wildlife Biologist*
 - Session 3: Where Do We Go From Here?
Jay Solomon & Olivia Rauen
- 4:00 p.m. – Closing: Please fill out the short survey to provide feedback for future outreach.

Additional Resources:

Iowa State University Extension Prescribed Burn materials referenced by Ryan Harr
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/news/publications-focus-plan-safety-prescribed-burns>

Management guide
<https://uofi.box.com/v/ManagementGuide>

Invasive Plants Regulated by the Illinois Exotic Weed Act
<https://uofi.box.com/v/ExoticWeedActPub>

Understanding herbicides article
<https://uofi.box.com/s/lwqsqs6ou89dnebd3myijci6mrceobc8>

Here are links to some of the content referenced by Ryan Harr

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/Conservation/Forestry/Fire-Management>
http://www.forestry.ok.gov/Websites/forestry/images/NREM-2893_Burn_Plan_for_Rx_Fire.pdf