

Future of Brown Ash

Weaving Indigenous Knowledge and Western Science to promote resilience amidst Emerald Ash Borer invasion

(More detailed agenda forthcoming)

Date: October 8-9, 2024

Location: UMaine Orono, Wells Conference Center and live streamed on Zoom

Purpose: To reconvene and widen the community of people who care for brown ash, and inform people about new and current research about brown ash.

Who's invited: Basketmakers, Tribal Nation members and employees, APCAW participants, private forest landowners, researchers, state and federal employees, nonprofit partners, foresters, loggers, and Canadian partners.

Host: John Daigle, Ash Protection Across Wabanakik Lab and Professor of Forest Resources

Day 1: Current Black Ash Conditions, EAB Management, and the Future of Black Ash

Moderated by Nate Siegert, PhD (US Forest Service) in the morning, and by Allison Kanoti (Maine Forest Service) in the afternoon. Poster session all day.

8:00am-4:00pm Talks at the Wells Conference Center, featuring:

- Opening remarks from John Daigle, PhD and Tribal Nation representatives
- Deb McCollough, PhD
- Tony D'Amato, PhD
- Nate Siegert, PhD: Ash Dynamics in Aftermath Forests
- Silviculture Panel: Tony D'Amato, PhD, Tyler Everett, ABD, Angelo Johnson, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Dendrochronological findings about Black Ash Regeneration in pre and post invasion forests: River Matheiu, MS
- Seed Collection and Ash Regeneration Panel: Les Benedict, John Daigle, National Tree Seed Centre Canada
- Flash talks about genetics, biocontrol, regional tree injection strategies: Jill Hamilton, PhD, Jennifer Koch, PhD, Gabe LeMay, Theresa Murphy, and Colleen Teerling.

4:00 pm: Optional field trip on Indian Island

- Walk to a brown ash stand on Indian Island, learn about seed processing, and watch an ash pounding demonstration.

5:30 pm: Evening community dinner on Indian Island

Day 2: Tribal Community Involvement in Ash Protection

Moderated by Darren Ranco, PhD (University of Maine) in the morning, and by John Daigle, PhD (University of Maine) in the afternoon. Poster session all day.

8:30am-1:30 pm Talks at the Wells Conference Center, featuring:

- Suzanne Greenlaw, PhD

- Tyler Everett, ABD
- Anthony Sutton, PhD
- John Daigle, PhD: Private Landowner involvement and their interest in ash protection

1:30 pm: Collaborative group meetings (concurrent sessions)

1. Group 1: Tribal collaborations and prioritization of adaptive management strategies (Tribal only meeting with MIBA members, tribal leadership, APCAW)
2. Group 2: Promoting efforts to protect ash at a landscape level for Northeast Forests in US/Canada (Broadening Network and Collaboration and involvement of forest landowners implementing adaptive management strategies)

2:30 pm: Report out and discussion, closing thoughts