



Northeast Silviculture Institute for Foresters

"I attended all 5 Institute sessions. Absolutely fantastic experience. It made my year..." Private consulting forester

Northeast Silviculture Institute for Foresters Online is Here!

The Northeast Silviculture Institute for Foresters Online version is now available [HERE!](#)

Now, in the comfort of your home or office, you can attend one or all 5 of the 2-day Institute training sessions from 2017. Thanks to all the speakers and attendees in 2017 for allowing everything - including every field trip stop - to be filmed. Now you can experience the tremendous silvicultural learning opportunity that is available at Institute offerings.

If you attended a session in 2017, then you are entitled to use the online version for no charge. Just contact Charles Levesque at levesque@inrslc.com for instructions on how to do that. If you have any questions about the Online Institute just e-mail or call Charlie at 603-588-3272.

2018 Institute Field Schedule to be Available Soon

If you are planning to attend one or more field Institute sessions in 2018, that schedule will be available soon. To get direct notification of the schedule, send an e-mail to levesque@inrslc.com and you will get direct notification when the schedule becomes available.

Through a grant from the USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry, the North East *State* Foresters Association (NEFA) offered the **Northeast Silviculture Institute for Foresters** (Institute) in 2017, a series of training workshops in graduate level silviculture. NEFA will offer the training again in 2018. 250 people attended the 5 workshops in 2017, which had a limit of 50 at each as will the 2018 sessions.

The Institute workshops or five distinct modules delivered in 2017 covered the following:

- NASP New England and Northern New York Overview (2 days)
- Spruce – Fir Forest Type (2 days)
- Pine, Oak and Hemlock Forest Type (2 days)
- Northern Hardwood Forest Type (2 days)
- Mixed Oak Hickory Forest Type (2 days)

Each of the forest type workshops included:

- 1) Silvics of individual species & stand dynamics including land use history
- 2) Silvicultural systems and practices including growth, yield, quality and regeneration
- 3) Economics, utilization & markets
- 4) Forest health
- 5) Wildlife considerations specific to forest type
- 6) Soils
- 7) Site quality and productivity
- 8) Sample prescriptions & work assignment
- 9) Legal, landowner objectives & carbon considerations
- 10) Field Trip into forest type (1 day)

Here's what some of the attendees have said about the training in 2017:

I started adjusting my marking the day after the session. I am doing a better job planning and laying out regeneration harvests based on what species need advance regen or not. I am also thinking much harder about when and how to remove low and intermediate shade.

All in all the entire workshop, presenters, field trip leaders and field trips were excellent. The material, its quality and content were first rate. It's too bad we didn't have a week (or more) to cover things in greater depth.

The material covered in the workshop and the input from other foresters made me realize that I do not understand the statistics behind the numbers I use every day in this field. I have become dependent on computer programs to reach conclusions. Understanding the relationships between the stand's condition, the data I collect, and the conclusions of the data will make me a better forester.

The forest hydrology session was the first time I have ever been exposed to this technical material and research. Great presentations by all and I felt that the presentation skills and climate adaptation were important in my everyday work.

I thought this workshop was great. It was a TON of information packed into a short time. I will certainly do some follow up reading to learn more about each topic – the readings and references in and of themselves were worth attending for.

The Institute workshops are designed to provide northeast U.S. foresters with the appropriate knowledge to make sound, science-based decisions for forest ecosystem management, harvests and regeneration. This project is designed so it can be used in the USDA Forest Service's National Advanced Silviculture Program (NASP) to provide landscape-specific materials for northeast forests. The Institute offers a graduate program level of instruction for practicing foresters. Funding support has been provided by the USDA Forest Service State & Private Forestry.

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