



Cornell University  
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## CHALLENGES TO THE CATSKILL FORESTS:

### *Understanding Issues, Moving Towards Solutions*

Our regional trees and forests are being impacted by invasive insect pests, overwhelmed by competing ground vegetation, and eaten by deer!

Why should we care? Trees and forests clean our water and air, sequester carbon, support wildlife, provide local energy and valuable wood resources, plus provide places to recreate and relax. Come hear about these topics, have discussions on how we can find solutions and learn about valuable resources to help deal with these issues.

This program is for anyone who cares about trees and forests including municipal officials, forest landowners, resource managers, foresters, loggers, and agencies and organizations working on these topics. Credits will be available for planning board members, SAF foresters and TLC loggers.

***Cost: \$10.00 per person and includes lunch.***

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Meet Cornell's Natural Resource professionals who will provide insight into these issues:

***Getting Serious About Two Destructive Invasive Forest Pests***  
Mark Whitmore, Cornell University  
Forest Entomologist

***Impacts of Deer on Forested Landscapes***  
Dr. Paul Curtis, Cornell University  
Department of Natural Resources

***Challenges to Successful Forest Regeneration***  
Dr. Peter Smallidge, Cornell  
University's Extension Forester

***A New Road to Success: Transforming our Approach of the Ecology and Management of Invasive Plants***  
Dr. Bernd Blossey, Director of the  
Ecology and Management of Invasive  
Plants, Cornell University

***Partners and Displays:***  
Catskill Watershed Corporation, Watershed Agricultural Council, iMap Invasives, Catskill Forest Association, New York Forest Owners Association, Greene County Soil and Water, Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership, the Department of Environmental Conservation, Mid-Atlantic Regional Seed Bank and the Mountain Top Arboretum.

9:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m.  
Windham Mountain Resort  
Windham, NY  
You can register online  
[https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/forestchallenges\\_210](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/forestchallenges_210)  
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