

Southern Aroostook Soil & Water Conservation District

WINTER AG SCHOOL

Please note location information and meeting type under each class listing.

All classes are free and open to the public unless otherwise specified.

1. CARBON MARKETS FOR SMALL WOODLAND OWNERS

Tuesday, March 11, 6pm - 8pm

Andy Whitman, Climate Carbon Specialist, Maine Forest Service

Meduxnekeag Ramblers Club, Wiley Rd, Littleton

- Learn about current available carbon market options for small woodlot owners.

- What to know to help you determine if program is the right fit for your woodlot.

In event of a snowstorm, class will be held March 13. Please check [facebook.com/saswcd](https://www.facebook.com/saswcd) or call 254-4126 for storm updates.

Credits: 2 hr CLP; 2 QLP; 2 Master Logger

Carbon Markets class held in partnership with Maine Forest Service

2. ORCHARD PRUNING

Saturday, March 15, 10am - 2pm

C.J. Walke, MOFGA Orchard Program Manager

The Hale's, 657 Golden Ridge Rd, Sherman

- C.J. will discuss basics of pruning fruit trees, with overview of pruning tools and techniques.

- Bring your pruners and loppers (if you have them) and spend a fun afternoon learning how to prune fruit trees, young and old. We will also have extra pruners on hand.

- For those interested, the final portion of this class will look at refurbishing old apple trees. Please note that we will be snowshoeing or walking to gain access to the older trees.

A light lunch will be provided. Pre-registration with SASWCD is requested for this class.

Pruning class held in partnership with Maine Forest Service

3. INSECT AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT FOR GARDENERS

Tuesday, March 18, 6pm - 7pm

Caleb Goossen, Crop and Conservation Specialist, MOFGA

Online via Zoom – Register: <https://bit.ly/3QgnqRI>

- Organic approach to insect and disease management with an overview of IPM practices.

- Caleb will discuss common and newly-emerging pests and diseases in Maine and share management strategies, including cultural methods.

1 Pesticide Credit

4. NO-TILL VEGETABLE GARDENING FOR FARMERS & GARDENERS

Thursday, March 20, 6pm - 8pm

Daniel Mays, Frith Farm and author of *The No-Till Organic Vegetable Farm*

Two options for viewing class:

1. **Online via Zoom – Register:**

<https://bit.ly/3WVXiyV>

2. **Group viewing of online class in Library at Houlton High School, 7 Bird St. If you would prefer to watch with a group, please join us!**

- Daniel will provide practical information on implementing organic no-till gardening, including topics such as forming beds, weed control, useful tools, watering systems, and more.

- Learn more about Frith Farm's holistic approach to farming focused on enriching soil, diversity of life on farm, and the farm's role within community.

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5. RESTORING OLD-GROWTH FOREST CHARACTERISTICS IN NEW ENGLAND

Thursday, April 3, 6pm - 8pm

Anthony D'Amato, Forestry Program Director, UVM and Paul Catanzaro, Professor & State Ext Forester, UMass Amherst

Two options for viewing class:

1. **Online via Zoom – Register:**

<https://bit.ly/4hyqDrv>

2. **Group viewing of online class in Library at Houlton High School, 7 Bird St. If you would prefer to watch with a group, please join us!**

- Maintaining old-growth characteristics within forests can help ensure our forests continue to sustain themselves and the many benefits we depend on.

- Learn about the ecology and management aspects of restoring old-growth characteristics.

- Discussion of landowner considerations, including getting started and long-term planning.

- **Credits: 2 hr CLP; 2 QLP; 2 Master Logger;**

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Restoring Old-Growth Forest class held in partnership with Maine Forest Service

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