

**CHATHAM COUNTY Forest Landowners:** I am creating an email list of forest landowners in Chatham County to use for disseminating information about educational programs and other timely issues. Whether you own 2 acres or 200 acres, if you are interested in learning more about good forestry practices then I think you will find this list beneficial. Please email me at [debbie.roos@chathamnc.org](mailto:debbie.roos@chathamnc.org) to be added to this list. Please put “subscribe forestry” in the subject line.

**The Non-native and Invasive Forest Plants Workshops for Landowners** is a series of six free one-day educational workshops (choose one to attend that is closest to you) featuring presentations by experts in non-native invasive plants that impact North Carolina’s forests. Each workshop will engage regionally based stakeholder groups in the planning and educational content. These workshops are designed for family forest landowners, but all forestland ownership types and professional forestland managers and advisers are welcome. Commercial and educational exhibits will be displayed at each workshop.

These workshops are made possible by a grant from the USDA Forest Service, distributed by the North Carolina Forest Service, in partnership with North Carolina State University's Forestry and Environmental Outreach Program (FEOP).

**Workshop Regional Locations and Dates:**

- August 19, 2011 - Carthage, NC
- September 13, 2011 - Asheville, NC
- October 18, 2011 – Kenansville, NC
- February 7, 2012 - Williamston, NC
- May 1, 2012 - Greensboro, NC
- May 8, 2012 - Wilkesboro, NC

**What You Will Learn:**

- What are non-native and invasive (NNI) species, and why should you care?
- Identification of specific problem species
- The impacts of these plants on forest communities (ecologic, economic and cultural)
- How non-native species are introduced
- What are the risks of the “do-nothing” style of management
- Gain exposure to organized NNI stakeholder groups and efforts currently taking shape, or ongoing, in your region
- Resources available to landowners and what steps you can take
- How your neighbors and local professionals are dealing with NNI challenges

**The workshop is free but you must pre-register. View the complete agenda and registration details at <http://www.ncsu-feop.org/NNI/>**