

# Forest Conservation and Stewardship:

A joint meeting of Heart of the Lakes and the  
Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan

This meeting is designed to gather natural resource professionals from Michigan's Tribes, land conservancies, and other organizations around a common theme: **forest conservation in an era of rapid change**

## Purpose

Emerging threats like climate change, deer browse, and forest pests can cross all ownerships and are altering our shared natural environment in profound ways. We all have a stake in learning from each other and addressing challenges cooperatively where possible. This meeting is designed to share the best available information on potential impacts on Michigan's forests and best practices on how to prepare for these changes.

A workshop on the second day will provide a hands-on training opportunity for people who want a deeper dive into climate change. You'll consider climate adaptation actions for your own real-world project. Learn more on the following page!

## Register and Learn More:

<https://forestchange.eventbrite.com>



## Meeting Information

When: September 27-28, 2016

Where: Boyne Mountain Resort, Boyne Falls

Sept 27: Free for Heart of the Lakes' member organizations and Michigan Tribes. \$35 for other participants.

Sept 28: \$15 for food and expenses. Tribal members please use the code "climate" when registering.

## Who should participate?

- Staff and board members from Michigan land trusts and conservancies
- Staff, leadership, and members from Tribes in Michigan
- Forest conservation professionals from other organizations

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### Day 1: Emerging Issues for Michigan's Forests

This joint meeting of Heart of Lakes and the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan will gather natural resource professionals from Michigan's Tribes, land conservancies, and other organizations to learn and share ideas.

#### Schedule:

9:30	Registration and Coffee	1:30	Forest Health Issue #2: Forest Pests and Diseases
10:00	Welcome and Introduction	2:15	Break
10:30	Our Shared Purpose: Land Conservation and Stewardship <i>Panel session to share information and discuss the different tools, opportunities, and constraints that apply to tribes, land trusts, and other organizations with regard to land conservation and stewardship.</i>	2:45	Forest Health Issue #3: Climate Change
12:00	Lunch (provided)	3:15	How to Prepare: Adaptation and Forest Conservation
12:45	Forest Health Issue #1: Deer Browse	4:00	Questions and Discussion
		4:30	Adjourn

### Day 2: Hands-on Adaptation Planning

This second day will be an active, hands-on training for a limited number of people. Participants will use the NIACS Adaptation Workbook to identify climate change risks and adaptation actions for **your own real-world land management project**. Through this training, participants will be able to:

- Identify site-level characteristics that will influence climate change impacts at local scales
- Evaluate challenges and opportunities for land management projects
- Develop management actions to adapt forests to changing conditions

We require participants to develop a project idea prior to this training. We also encourage small groups of people to work together during this training, including people from different organizations!

### Information and Expectations

Schedule: 8:30-4:30 (Lunch provided)

Learn more about this training: <http://goo.gl/mOjuJp>

In order to make the best use of our in-person time, there are a few requirements for participants who want to attend Day 2:

1. Register for Day 2 of the meeting by **September 14**
2. Bring a real-world project idea for yourself or your team (management plan or conservation project)
3. Contact Stephen Handler to discuss your project idea ([sdhandler@fs.fed.us](mailto:sdhandler@fs.fed.us))
4. Attend a 90-minute webinar on **September 19 at 1pm Eastern**

Contact **Stephen Handler** to learn more. This will be a full, fast-paced day. We hope you can join us!