



The Northern Forests Climate Hub & the Forest-Climate Working Group

GHG Mitigation Innovation and Perspectives from the Field Workshop

The USDA Northern Forests-Climate Hub and the Forest Climate Working Group (FCWG) are hosting a workshop focusing on climate change mitigation in the forest sector, targeting *innovators* from USDA, state agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other groups who have experience developing forest management and conservation projects with greenhouse gas mitigation benefits.

Purpose:

This workshop supports the USDA Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Strategy by learning how *innovators* and *early adopters* are using USDA programs (eg: Forest Legacy, EQUIP, Forest Planning Prog., NRCS CIG) to support greenhouse gas mitigation in the forest sector. By bringing together creative individuals who have implemented mitigation-related projects by leveraging USDA programs. Workshop participants will identify mitigation opportunities supported by USDA programs, barriers to increasing forest mitigation benefits, and potential prioritization of program focal areas.

Outcomes:

Individuals: Will gain an understanding of carbon science, relevant policies and programs related to GHG mitigation and adaptation, and learn from case studies in the forest sector across the US.

Overall: The outcomes of this workshop will be synthesized into a white paper. The document will summarize mitigation examples from the field, challenges and barriers, as well as creative ideas and opportunities discovered in breakout groups. Suggestions from the field and prioritization of efforts and programs to support mitigation will inform a 2nd workshop for USDA programmatic leads.

More info at:
climatehubs.oce.usda.gov/northernforests/ghgworkshop

Date and Location:

March 29-30, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL

Who should attend:

Innovators from the **forest sector**, from USDA, State agencies, Non-governmental organizations, and Other groups.

This workshop will:

- Provide information on carbon science and policies, and associated USDA programs.
- Describe resources, policies, and programs that can be used to further GHG mitigation in natural resource conservation and management in the forest sector.
- Showcase real-world examples of mitigation projects in the forest sector.

Pre-registration: <http://goo.gl/forms/9OV5LExPL9>

Note: A limited number of travel scholarships are available

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