

Strike Team 16th Annual Conference – April 19, 2023 - Duke Farms



9:00 am – 9:15 am	Check-In, CEU Signups, Continental Breakfast
9:15 am – 9:30 am	Welcome: Margaret Waldock, Executive Director; Thomas Almendinger, Director of Natural Resources and Agroecology, Duke Farms
9:30 am – 9:45 am	State of New Jersey Invasive Species Michael Van Clef, Strike Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Strike Team activities, treatment methods and species updates
9:45 am – 10:45 am	PANEL: Kudzu Danielle Bara, New Jersey Audubon Marc Virgilio, USFWS Dr. Michael Van Clef, Strike Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide population status and natural history • Treatment strategies and methods • Treatment case studies
10:45 am – 11:00 am	BREAK
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	New Jersey’s Forest Resource Through Time: a forester’s view of our changing landscape Dr. Bernie Isaacson, NJ Forest Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our understanding of pre-European forest condition should view native society as the sophisticated forest managers that they were • Centuries of diverse and extensive industrial use, followed by large-scale conservation and preservation efforts, have shaped today’s resource • A sustainable future for our forest must affirmatively account for how we connect our society to its forest resource, because the condition any forest resource is inherently tied to the societal context in which it occurs
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH – Provided by Strike Team
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Biological Control Efforts at the Phillip Alampi Beneficial Insect Lab (USDA) Dr. Alexandra Gillett, Phillip Alampi Lab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of current insect pest biocontrols • Overview of current weed biocontrols • Close-up on black swallowwort efforts in New Jersey
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	A View from Above: A National Look at Invasive Species Kerry Wixted, Association of Wildlife Agencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current update on key wildlife diseases • National updates including review of federal legislation • AFWA Invasive Species Committee focus areas
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Demonstrations - Cool Tools and Techniques Michael Bellaus, Duke Farms and Beth Craighead, Strike Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE, mixing safety, sprayer repair • Application method options by season (summer vs. winter) and species • Demonstration of larger equipment including forestry mowers and brush hogs