

**Conservation District, PA Bureau of Forestry, RC&D  
Hold Agroforestry Workshop**

Woodland value is not always measured by the quality of timber. There are untapped treasures in the forest that can bring forest landowners some additional income.



On Friday, June 16, 2017, the Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD), DCNR-PA Bureau of Forestry, and Community Partnerships RC&D hosted an Agroforestry Workshop at the Shade Mountain Winery, 16140 PA Route 104, Middleburg, PA. Seventy-five (75) people within and outside the county attended.



During the workshop, presenters from various groups gave information on the following:

- Diversifying Farm Income with Agroforestry
- Marketing non-timber products, medicinal plants, edible plants and mushrooms, maple syrup and ginseng
- Raising multi-function riparian buffer plantings
- Making your own charcoal



Above Left: Gary Gilmore, Service Forester, DNCR, shows participants how charcoal was made. Above Right: Gary builds a quick and easy way to make charcoal from hardwood and metal drums.

Special thanks goes to the following people who gave presentations during the workshop:

- Hannah Smith-Brubaker, Executive Director, PA Association of Sustainable Agriculture (PASA)
- Tracey Coulter, Agroforestry Coordinator, PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR), Bureau of Forestry
- Dr. James Finley, Professor of Forest Resources, Penn State Department of Ecosystem Science & Management
- Lauren Barlow, Environmental Program Director, Community Partnerships Resource Conservation & Development (C-P RC&D) Council
- Gary Gilmore, Service Forester, PA DCNR, Bureau of Forestry, Jefferson & Armstrong Counties
- Rusty Orner, Owner, Quiet Creek Herb Farm
- Dr. Eric Burkhart, Instructor & Plant Science Program Director, Penn State Shavers Creek Environmental Center

*Below Left: Dr. Eric Burkhart, Plant Science Program Director, Penn State Shavers Creek Environmental Center talks about native medicinal plants found in our forests. Below Right: Lauren Barlow, Environmental Program Director, C-P RC&D, explains the benefits of forested riparian streamside buffers.*



We also do not want to forget to thank Lauren Barlow (C-P RC&D) and Gerald Hoy, Service Forester, PA DCNR, Bureau of Forestry, for assisting the SCCD with the planning of this successful event.

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