

NE SARE Agroforestry Professional Development Training Sept. 7th- 9th 2016



A Brief History

- The 2010 *Executive Order for Strategy for Protecting and Restoring the Chesapeake Bay Watershed* includes developing a strategy by 2012 to maximize forest restoration in priority areas, including lands with agroforestry potential.
- The Chesapeake Forest Restoration Strategy was published in 2012 and included a recommendation to provide:

Train-the-trainer workshops that target resource professionals in the watershed are a first step toward reaching watershed landowners. Subsequent workshops can introduce agroforestry practices to landowners

The USDA Agroforestry Strategic Framework (FY2011-2016) cited these benefits of agroforestry practices:

- Provide protection for valuable topsoil, livestock, crops, and wildlife
- Increase productivity of agricultural and horticultural crops
- Reduce inputs of energy and chemicals
- Improve water quality
- Diversify local economies



Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE)

- 2013 First SARE funded Agroforestry Academy at the University of Missouri Agroforestry Center in Columbia, MO
- 2015 Northeast SARE awarded the partnership Professional Development Grant to advance agroforestry training and adoption in the Northeast

Question: What does agroforestry look like in the Northeast/MidAtlantic?



NE SARE AGROFORESTRY PDP PARTNERSHIP

- National Agroforestry Center (NAC)
- Penn State
- Virginia Tech
- Cornell University
- Shaver's Creek Environmental Education Center
- USDA Forest Service
- Capital RC&D
- PA Association for Sustainable Agriculture
- PA Certified Organic (PCO)
- PA Center for Private Forests
- PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry
- USDA NRCS
- University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry
- Farmer's Union
- PA Department of Agriculture



Program Goals and Outcomes

- Updated University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry Training Manual tailored for NE
- Continuing education opportunities and credits, webinars, field days and online networks
- Identification of knowledge gaps for future trainings
- Development of agroforestry community of practice



Toward a Community of Practice

- Website: www.nemaagroforestry.org
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More to come:

- 8 field days
- 8 Webinars
- Updated agroforestry training manual
- 2017 Agroforestry training in NY State



Thanks!

To NE SARE, our partners, and you, for making this training possible!

