



Designing Agroforestry Practices on the Farm: A Case Study in Forest Farming Riparian Buffers
November 15th, 2017 9am - 4pm
 Natural Hope Herbals (naturalhopeherbals.com), Millersburg, PA

Join us for a unique day-long experiential training on forest farming multifunctional riparian buffers for enhanced natural resource stewardship and economic viability. Natural Hope Herbals LLC is an Amish owned family farm and company that seeks to further develop their on-farm medicinal plant production practices and areas using agroforestry approaches. For this event, we will use this farm to provide an exciting case study to discuss how land stewardship, farm systems and value-added processing can be integrated successfully through appropriate design and implementation. Presenters Eric Burkhart and Erik Hagan will walk attendees through a process of determining site value and ecological function while connecting ecosystem management to an established value-added herbal medicinal business through the production of forest grown herbs and riparian fruit and nut species. This highly engaging and interactive design session will provide participants with a real-world consulting and designing scenario. Part of the NE SARE Agroforestry Professional Development Training series, this event will provide technical service providers, researchers and producers with instruction and conversation around agroforestry production system design in the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic region.

Audience: Technical service providers, including staff from NRCS, FSA, SWCDs and other federal agencies; state forestry and agriculture agencies; extension; and non-profits.

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	Topic
9 AM	Workshop welcome and Introductions
9:15	Agroforestry Systems Overview
9:30	Landscape Multi-functionality and MFRBs
10:15	Forest Farming in the NE
11:00	Break
11:15	Meet landowner clients (Ben Stoltzfus, Rosanna King, etc) and assess objectives and needs from wild plant buffer area
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00	Tour of wild plant buffer section of farm to discuss scenario with landowners and assess situation
2:30	Design Session Small group activity – develop sketch of MFRB opportunities
3:30	Group discussion and wrap up
4:00	Adjourn
4:30	Optional – Tour of Natural Hope Medicinal Herb Facilities