

Community Forestry Conference

October 29-31, 2008

Arcata, Eureka and the Usal Redwood Forest

The Community Forestry Conference is a three day dialog to exchange information and ideas about the concept of "community forestry" and "community forests". Community forests differ from other private or government-owned forests in that local residents play a part in the stewardship of the forestland.

In the last three years nearly 100,000 acres of timberland in California has been purchased by community-based organizations that are developing new economic and management models to address debt burdens, community expectations, and regulatory constraints. This conference will provide an opportunity for a community discussion on the options provided by these newly emerging financing and forest ownership models.

The conference will involve an all-day session with experts involved in a variety of community forestry projects along with field tours to two regional community forests. The conference will begin on October 29th with a tour of the recently established 50,000 acre Usal Redwood Forest, acquired by Redwood Forest Foundation, a non-profit founded in 1997. The second tour on October 31st will be of the Arcata Community Forest, owned and managed for mixed uses by the City of Arcata for more than 50 years.



Audience: The conference is intended for anyone involved (or thinking about becoming involved) in the formation / management of a community forest or forestry project. This could include community groups, land trusts, policy makers, forest managers, funders, or other interested people.

Sponsored by: UC Cooperative Extension, Redwood Forest Foundation Inc., Institute of Sustainable Forestry, Humboldt Area Foundation, Redwood Coast Rural Action, and the Renewable Resources Extension Act.

Conference Details and Locations (directions on next page)

Wednesday October 29 (10 AM- 3PM)

a tour of the Usal Redwood Forest, meet at mile marker 100 on Highway 1 seven miles west of Leggett.

Thursday October 30 (8:30AM-5PM)

Humboldt Area Foundation
373 Indianola Road, Eureka

Friday October 31 (8:30AM-12PM)

a tour of the Arcata Community Forest, meet in front of the Arcata Community Center

Invited speakers for October 30th :

Mark Andre - Arcata Community Forest

Pat Frost – Trinity County Resource Conservation District

Art Harwood – Redwood Forest Foundation, Inc.

Kathy Moxon- Humboldt Area Foundation

Susan Mulkey- British Columbia Community Forest Association

Kim Rodrigues- University of California

David Simpson- Community Forestry Team

Carl Wilmsen- Community Forestry & Environmental Research Partnerships

Pre-registration is required by Friday October 24.

To register please call: UC Cooperative Extension 707-445-7351

Cost: \$30 (lunch provided for Oct 30th)

When you call, please indicate which events you will attend as space is limited: Oct 29, Oct 30 and/or Oct 31?

Please send **checks payable** to UC Regents to UC Cooperative Extension, 5630 S. Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503

Workshop Locations and Directions

October 29th Usal Redwood Forest

Directions: Meet at Mile Marker 100 on Highway 1, seven miles west of Highway 101. At this marker there is a gated road which will be open from 9:30-10:00. The field trip will depart from the first landing inside the gate at 10:15 sharp. See map.

October 30th Humboldt Area Foundation

Directions: 373 Indianola Road, Eureka 707-442-2993. From 101 (between Eureka and Arcata) take the Indianola Cutoff heading east, turn left on Indianola Road to 373 on the left side of road

October 31st Arcata Community Center

Directions: 321 Community Park Road, Arcata 95521. From 101 (on the south end of Arcata) take the Samoa\Sunnybrae Exit heading east toward Sunnybrae on Samoa Blvd., turn left on Union Street (at the round-a-bout), turn left on Community Park Way. Meet in front of the Community Center. Field trip departs at 8:30.



Space is limited for each field trip and pre-registration is required by calling UC Cooperative Extension (707-445-7351) by **October 24th**. The field trips will take place rain or shine. Please bring boots, lunch and raingear. Carpooling is encouraged. At either field trip start location there will be a place to park your vehicle and to consolidate into fewer vehicles for the remainder of the field trip.

Agenda Discussion Topics

For each of the example community forests presented we hope to explore:

- Their governing principles, goals, and missions
- How is the community (or communities) involved in each forest?
 - How are they involved in decision making?
 - Examples of successful, and less than successful, community involvement?
 - How are 'community expectations' met or addressed?
 - What is their vision for community involvement in the future?
- What ownership structure, management structure, financial structures or profit dispersal structure is used.

Following the presentations there will be panel and facilitated discussions to more fully explore issues such as:

- the risks of community involvement
- the elements of success
- firm boundaries & "open-for-negotiation" participation.
- timelines for improved community participation.