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## Shrub Ecology and Management to Promote Integrated Vegetation Management on Powerline Corridors



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Shrubs and associated old-field plant communities are valued for their beauty, wildlife habitat, and berry picking, among other benefits. Shrubs are practically important for site stabilization after disturbance, and for long-term community stability for such land uses as rights-of-way.

Contemporary research on shrub ecology and management will be shared using an innovative process-level framework for Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM). Electric transmission line rights-of-way will be featured, but the principles and practices of IVM will be developed to be more broadly applicable to other systems.

Participants will learn:

- (1) identification of over 50 species of shrubs\*
- (2) conservation techniques for shrub communities
- (3) how to approach related vegetation management issues and opportunities.

\* All participants will receive an advanced copy of "Shrubs and short trees of the Northeast" by Whittier, Ballard, and Nowak, SUNY-ESF.

**Intended Audience:** Vegetation Managers, Regulators, and Landowners

**Instructors:** Dr. Chris Nowak and Ben Ballard, SUNY-ESF Associate Professor and Research Scientist, respectively, will jointly lead the workshop. Dr. Nowak has been a principle researcher in Integrated Vegetation Management and rights-of-way for nearly 15 years. Mr. Ballard has been working with basic and applied aspects of shrub ecology and management for the past five years. Their research program in IVM and shrubs has grown to over 20 contemporary studies, many of which form the foundation for this workshop.