PRACTICAL ETHICS FOR SCIENCE AND FORESTRY PROFESSIONALS

Join us for a workshop on ethical problem solving.

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Professionals who work in a range of fields related to science and forestry can earn required continuing education credits while learning about the complex realm of ethical problem solving. This Society of American Foresters-accredited workshop helps participants learn to consider not only the hard facts but also issues that can be more difficult to define, such as fairness and the common good, in their efforts to make the right decision.

“Practical Ethics for Science and Forestry Professionals” provides an opportunity to learn six of the primary methods we use when faced with ethically weighted situations. We discuss each approach and provide an overview of how each method works. Participants use these techniques to reach consensus on a series of relevant case studies.

We discuss key considerations common to all ethical issues:
- Should the good of the many outweigh the rights of a few?
- Is it more important to follow a rational or a relational course of action?
- What is the role of fairness in community and how can we balance that with the common good?
- What kind of society do we have the potential to become and is a striving towards individual and common virtue worth some short-term sacrifice?

Then we apply guiding questions:
- What is ethics, its history and function and what are the philosophical distinctions, practical challenges and the political implications of different types of ethical methods?
- Ethical behavior is not the same as feelings, religion, law, accepted social practice or science. In that case, what is our basis of ethical standards and how can we apply these standards in specific situations?

“Practical Ethics for Science and Forestry Professionals” is an ongoing project developed for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Society of American Foresters. This workshop is provided by request at regional offices, corporate headquarters, college campuses, professional conferences and association meetings.

The workshop is accredited by the Society of American Foresters, Cat 1-CF, 3.0-6.0 credits. It is taught by Marianne Patinelli-Dubay, Ph.D., coordinator for the Environmental Philosophy Program at ESF’s Northern Forest Institute.

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