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Strategies for Creating Resilient Driftless Forests

Adaptation in Action: Forest Management Strategies for a Changing Climate

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 | 9:00 AM–4:00 PM | Prairie du Chien, WI

9:00 AM–Noon	**Welcome & Workshop Overview	Prairie du Chien** *Susan Barrett, Wisconsin Forestry Center*
	Adaptation in Action: Forest Management Strategies for a Changing Climate *Martha Sample, Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science*
	Assisted Migration 101 *Brad Hutnik and Devesh Bahuguna, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources*
	Overview of ASCC Project *Miranda Curzon, Iowa State University*
Noon-12:45 PM	Lunch
12:45–1:15 PM	Drive to ASCC Field Site
1:15-4:00 PM	**ASCC Site Tour** *Brad Hutnik and Devesh Bahuguna, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources*

Participants will be introduced to the Driftless Area's participation in the Adaptive Silviculture for Climate Change (ASCC) Network, a collaborative effort exploring how forests can be managed to adapt to a changing climate. Participants will visit mature, oak-dominated forests in northeastern Iowa, southeastern Minnesota, and southwestern Wisconsin and learn about three approaches to climate adaptation: resistance, resilience, and transition. The tour will focus on practical challenges such as invasive species, drought, oak regeneration, prescribed fire, and changing forest conditions, while also highlighting opportunities to maintain native tree species and healthy, adaptable forests. Participants will also learn how researchers are monitoring tree regeneration and growth, microclimate, wildlife, and carbon to better understand which management approaches are most effective over time.