



FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN INFORMATIONAL MEETING

For
Cedar Swamp and Winthrop Blocks (3525 acres)
of
COCKAPONSET STATE FOREST

January 12, 2006 7 p.m.

Chester Meeting House, 4 Liberty St, Chester

Inclement weather date January 19, 2006 (light snow doesn't cancel)

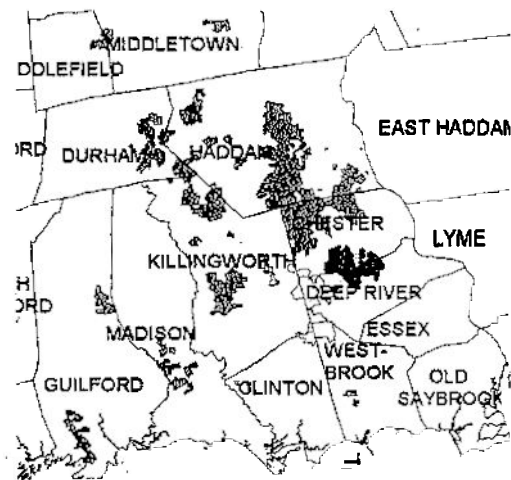
(Call 860-345-4511 before 4:30 pm if weather is questionable)

Key Issues

- **Wildlife Habitat and Biodiversity:** Oak and conifer forests are at risk; young & old forest habitats are underrepresented; Invasives have the potential to displace natural vegetation.
- **Recreation :** Forest roads , trails, and paths are worn and eroded.
- **Forestry Operations:** Sustainable timber harvests and controlled burns have the potential to enhance wildlife habitat and biodiversity goals but lack public support. Most revenue from timber sales is not allowed to be used to refurbish infrastructure of the state forest under current law.

Agenda

- 7:00 Welcome & Introduction -
Tom Worthley, UConn Extension
Forester
- 7:15 Why manage forests ?- Tom Worthley
- 7:45 The Planning & Review Process –
Emery Gluck, Cockaponset Forester
- 8:00 The Draft Plan – Emery Gluck
- 8:30 Public Comment and Questions



- Town boundaries
- Cedar Swamp Block
- Winthrop Block
- ▨ Other parts of Cockaponset State Forest