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Work Days, Festivals, & Banquet meetings

On Sunday September 11 we held a workday at the Wallkill River NWR in Vernon. This was a continuation of our long term project to regenerate aspen by cutting away old dieing trees to allow new aspen to grow in . Just prior to this workday Refuge Biologist Kevin Holcomb and I inspected a potential new project site in a highland area near Lake Pochung. We originally thought we would have to plant trees in this area but closer inspection discovered that the former farm pasture was growing in nicely with birch aspen oak and wild grapes. There is work to be done however as numerous invasive non native species are growing rapidly threatening to choke out the desired forest growth. Therefore this winter we will begin working in this area to reassure the forest grows in native and healthy as it reverts back .

On Saturday Sept 24 Joe Norton set up a booth and represented the chapter at a Wildlife Festival at the Pequest Trout hatchery in Hackettstown. The fact that Joe had about a week to put this entire event together and attend it is pretty impressive I and the chapter would like to thank Joe for doing such a good job.

While I am thanking people I would like to remind everyone that Oct.1 at 2pm we will be holding a tune up shoot at Flatbrook WMA please contact John Crowley for details. John takes care of many behind the scene functions of the chapter. A lot more than people know of. Without his help we would not be able to function so I would just like to point this out for anyone who does not know already Thanks John.

Our next work day is at Flatbrook on Sun. Oct.23 at 830 AM we will be planting trees in an area many of you have not been to yet help is needed so please come if possible.

Our next meeting is October 6th at the Lafayette house in Lafayette at 700 pm this is a banquet meeting there are many things to go over and if you want input into this years banquet you have to be there. so please attend if possible. Thank you Jim