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## 2025 Habitat Management Symposium

December 2nd / 9 AM – 4 PM EST

Kentucky State University  
Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm  
1525 Mills Ln.  
Frankfort, KY

### December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

- 8:30 AM Registration (Coffee and Pastries Provided)**
- 9:00 AM Introduction and Opening Remarks**  
- *Kasia Bradley and Anna Claire Rogers, Kentucky State University*
- 9:15 AM Using Herbicides Selectively to Achieve Management Goals**  
- *Joe Omielan, University of Kentucky*
- 10:00 AM Beyond Food Plots**  
- *Christina Wampler, State Biologist and NEPA Coordinator, NRCS*
- 10:45 AM Landscape Scale Conservation in the Cumberland Mountains**  
- *Jess Slade, Conservation Manager, Kentucky Natural Lands Trust*
- 11:30 AM Habitat and Forest Management Initiatives**  
- *Logan Nutt, ForestWise Consulting, LLC*
- 12:15 PM Lunch – Provided by 3 Peas in a Pod**
- 1:15 PM KY Updates**  
- Conservation Vendor List – *Jacob Stewart, KDFWR*  
- State Bee List – *Caroline Kane, OKNP*  
- Monarch Population Trends and Findings - *Maddy Heredia, USFWS*  
- KY Amphibian Index of Biological Integrity - *Michelle Cook, KDOW*  
- SWAP Update– *Laura Burford, KDFWR*
- 3:00 PM Habitat Management Scenarios – Panel Discussion**  
- *Logan Nutt (ForestWise Consulting), Jacob Stewart (KDFWR), Jess Slade (KNLT), Jody Thompson (KSU)*
- 4:00 PM Closing Remarks, Survey, CEUs**
- 5:00 PM Networking Social – Dinner provided by Local's Food Hub and Pizza Pub**  
- Located at West Sixth Farm in Frankfort, KY (4495 Shadrack Ferry Rd.)



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December 3rd / 9 AM – 4 PM EST

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### December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

- 8:30 AM Registration (Coffee and Pastries Provided)**
- 9:00 AM Introduction and Opening Remarks**  
- *Kasia Bradley and Anna Claire Rogers, Kentucky State University*
- 9:15 AM History and Ecology of Southeastern Grasslands**  
- *Jeremy French, Director of Ecological Restoration and Stewardship, SGI*
- 10:00 AM Habitat Management for the Federally Endangered Short's Goldenrod**  
- *Quinn Towery, Bluegrass Region Preserve Manager, OKNP*
- 10:45 AM Planting for Pollinators: The Effect of Pollinator Habitat, Site Establishment Methods on Native Bee Utilization**  
- *Kristin Conrad, Research Associate, Kentucky State University*
- 11:30 AM Cranberry Bog Restoration**  
- *Zack Irick, Southern Appalachian Grasslands Coordinator and Ecologist, SGI*
- 12:15 PM Lunch – Provided by Farm to Fork Catering**
- 1:15 PM Insights and Lessons Learned: Launching New Mine Land Reforestation Program**  
- *Kaela Walton-Sather, Working Lands Division Manager, Cumberland River Compact*
- 2:00 PM Wetland and Stream Projects - Efforts at Working with Beavers in Habitat Restorations**  
- *Bernheim Forest and Arboretum*
- 3:00 PM Habitat Management on KY Waterways – Panel Discussion**  
- *Lee Moser (University of Kentucky), Russ Turpin (Seedleaf), Andrew Stump (KDFWR Stream Team), Andrea Drayer (KY Water Research Institute)*
- 4:00 PM Closing Remarks, Survey, CEUs**