



**NEPARC 2004**  
**August 18<sup>th</sup> & 19, 2004**  
**Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, Mass.**

**Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

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11:30 – 1:00	Arrival, Registration
1:00 – 1:30	Welcome from NEPARC co-chairs Linda Weir, USGS – Patuxent Stafford Madison, EPA – New England <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Welcome and overview agenda</li><li>○ Introductions around the room</li></ul>
1:30 – 2:00	PARC at 5 years Luke Fedewa, PARC State Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 5 year perspective &amp; new directions</li></ul>
2:00 – 2:15	National PARC Coordinators Luke Fedewa, PARC State Coordinator Eric Raffini, PARC Federal Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Positions and roles</li></ul>
2:15 – 2:55	Action Items Updates (10 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Risk Assessment – Priya Nanjappa, USGS - Patuxent</li><li>○ Herp Education – Stafford</li><li>○ Frog Quiz – Linda</li><li>○ Herp Regulations – Al Breisch, NY DEC</li></ul>
2:55 – 3:15	BREAK
3:15 – 4:00	Habitat Management Guidelines presentation Joe Mitchell, University of Richmond <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Overview of HMG</li></ul>
4:00 – 5:00	Risk Assessment Project: improving flexibility and usability Chris Raitel, Rhode Island DEM <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Overview (15 min)</li><li>○ Case study examples and discussion (45 min)</li></ul>
5:00 – 5:15	Group Discussion on Tomorrow's break out group topics
5:30	Adjourn
6:00 – 8:00	Dinner & Evening presentations

"Imaginary Wetlands, Mock Turtles, and Chocolate Frogs: Whither the Northeast's Herps and Their Habitats?" by Betsy Colburn of Harvard Forest

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"Roger Conant: Herpetologist, Educator, Mentor" by Joe Mitchell, Univ. of Richmond



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7:30 – 8:00	Breakfast	
8:00 - 9:00	Sustainable Forestry Initiative: herp conservation and timber harvesting	Michael Thompson, Woodlot Alternatives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentation (20 min)</li> <li>○ Group discussion (40 min)</li> </ul>	
9:00 – 12:00	Breakout session	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Divide into 2-3 groups, determined yesterday</li> <li>○ Group involvement in any adopted new directions</li> </ul>	
12:00 – 1:00	LUNCH	
1:00 – 1:45	Update on breakout sessions	
1:45 – 2:15	Assign action items	Linda & Stafford
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ List action items</li> <li>○ Assign lead person for each item</li> </ul>	
2:15 – 2:45	NEPARC business	Linda & Stafford
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Election of new co-chair</li> <li>○ Next meeting location/dates</li> <li>○ Likes/dislikes of current meeting structure</li> </ul>	
2:45	Adjourn	

**Location Information**

The main meeting room will be in Hawthorne Hall, room H-207 (H building on campus map). Break-out portions of the meeting will be held in the Ralph Hoffmann Environmental Center (R building on campus map). Parking is available in the Visitor Parking lot. For people with disabilities, closer parking is available.

