



**2010 Landowner Workshop @ Swiss Valley Nature Center
Sponsored by Dubuque County Conservation Board and Pheasants
Forever**

Thursday, March 11th, 2010 ---- 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm

To pre-register please call 563.556.6745

There is NO cost and all are welcome to attend.

5:00- 5:30 Registration & Chili Dinner

5:30- 6:00 Welcome & General Session

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'Diamond Conservation Fund'

Presented by **Matt O'Connor**, Pheasants Forever

6:10-7:00 Concurrent Sessions

1. 'Conservation Incentive Programs'

Presented by **Michael Strauser**, Private Lands Biologists

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Find out about the many possibilities for assistance to create better wildlife habitat on your property. Learn the basics about YOUR cost share programs available through USDA, IDALS, and DNR. Improve your existing forest, plant trees, convert old broome to new natives, permanently protect your fragile cold-air slopes, wetlands, and flood prone bottomlands, or simply plant a quail or grouse buffer around the edge of your crop field. Whether you have marginal pastureland, cropland, or forest, you may be eligible to enroll in one of these programs today.

2. 'Forest Insects and Disease'

Presented by **Tivon Feeley**, Forest Health Program Leader

Upper Level,

MVEC Rm

The State of Iowa has many insect and disease problems that are here are knocking at the door. Get the latest updates on gypsy moth, emerald ash borer, 1,000 cankers disease on walnuts, bur oak blight, invasive, and much more. Bring your questions and photos to help identify pests and management plans. This session will detail what you need to do in you yard, woodlot, or forest to minimize the impacts from forest pests.

7:15 -8:05 Concurrent Sessions

1. 'Prescribed Fire'

Presented by **Matt O'Connor**, Pheasants Forever

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If you have a large prairie that you would like to burn Matt will take us step by step through a complex large acreage prescribed fire.

2. 'Pond and Stream Management for Private Landowners'

Presented by **Dan Kirby**, IDNR

Upper Level,

MVEC Rm

Dan Kirby, Iowa DNR Fisheries Biologist, will discuss stream and pond management on private lands. He will focus on describing common issues facing Dubuque County streams and management options that can enhance stream quality. Kirby will also discuss challenges associated with fish population management in area ponds and will provide recommendations for optimum fishery production.

8:20-9:10 Concurrent Sessions

1. 'How to Conduct a Timber Sale'

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Presented by **Dave Bridges**, Iowa DNR

Dave will be explaining different types of timber harvests and how they fit management goals, leading a discussion about conducting a timber sale and covering the basic do's and don'ts of a sale.

2. 'Manage Your Land for Wildlife Diversity'

Presented by **Greg Schmitt**, Private Lands Biologist

Upper Level,

MVEC Rm

Having game and non-game species on your property is a true testament of quality habitat. Greg Schmitt, Iowa DNR, will provide the landowner with tips to improving their land specifically for diversity of species.

5:00-9:30 Displays During the Workshop

Display on Planting Native Grasses and Forbs, by Pheasants Forever

This will be an ongoing session throughout the workshop helping landowners with questions on how to create wildlife habitat or how to reconstruct native prairie using the native grassland plants of Iowa. With the many challenges and situations that landowners face, PF Habitat Specialists will answer questions all night long.

Display on Prescribed Fire, A new video will help landowners understand the reason that fire is an important tool for wildlife and grassland management. The video also demonstrates the basic skills, equipment and number of people needed to burn safe and effectively.

Kevin Otken, Private Forester with Woodland Forestry Consulting will be in the Library on the Lower Level throughout the workshop to answer questions and share information.