



What Is a Healthy Forest?

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Norma Hoffman Visitor Center, Huntley Meadows Park

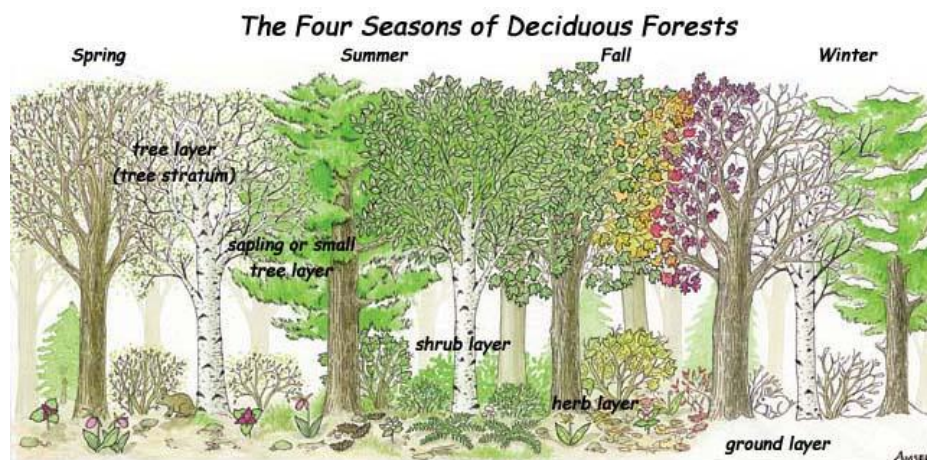
The Friends of Dyke Marsh invite you to a meeting to hear Joe Marx discuss the question, “What is a healthy forest?”

Definitions of forest health vary greatly along a scale from total human exclusion to total human management. Although the Mid-Atlantic states were blanketed with a largely deciduous forest at the time of European contact, the aboriginal peoples manipulated this forest to a much wider extent than is commonly realized.

Today, many in the natural history community hope that the remaining Mid-Atlantic forestland can be preserved in a healthy condition. What should we aim for? What is the right balance between combating alien organisms and letting natural succession run its course? What will a seemingly inevitable global warming likely do to the composition of our forests?

Mr. Marx is an instructor in geology and forest ecology in the Natural History Field Studies program sponsored by the Graduate School USA and the Audubon Naturalist Society.

The meeting is cosponsored by the Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society, the Fairfax Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists, the Fairfax County Tree Commission, and the American Horticultural Society. It is free and open to the public. The Norma Hoffman Visitor Center (703-768-2525) is at 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria, Virginia 22306. (If you use a GPS device to find the park, please be sure to enter the street address, not the park’s name.)



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