



**Vermont Monitoring Cooperative**  
**2008 Annual Meeting - Monday, October 27**

Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation – The University of Vermont – USDA Forest Service

**LOCATION:** Billings North Lounge, University of Vermont Campus

**“Carbon, People and Vermont’s Ecosystems”**

- 8:15-9:00 am Registration – Refreshments – Poster set-up
- 9:00 am Welcome and Introductory Remarks  
*Dr. Lawrence Forcier, Interim Program Director, Vermont Monitoring Cooperative*
- 9:05 am "Some reflections of the Vermont Monitoring Cooperative in its 18th year."  
*Robert Paquin, Legislative Assistant, U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy*
- 9:15 am "Understanding How the Natural World Works"  
*Dr. F. Herbert Bormann, Oastler Professor of Forest Ecology Emeritus, Yale University and member of the National Academy of Sciences*
- 9:45 am “Sources and Sinks of Carbon at Multiple Scales”  
*Dr. Jennifer Jenkins, University of Vermont, Rubenstein School*
- 10:15 am Break - Refreshments and snacks – posters
- 10:30 am "Managing Carbon in the Northeastern Landscape: Hubbard Brook's Science Links Carbon Project / Lessons from Eight Counties"  
*David Sleeper, Executive Director, Hubbard Brook Research Foundation*
- 11:00 am “Cloud Patterns in the Burlington area: Potential Influences on Ecosystem Function and Health”  
*Dr. Christopher Still, University of California, Santa Barbara, Geography Department and Incoming Program Director, Vermont Monitoring Cooperative*
- 11:30 am "Update on Forest Health Conditions in Vermont"  
*Ron Kelley, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation*
- 12:00 pm Lunch and poster session
- 1:00 pm Panel: “Using Vermont Forest Biomass for Renewable Energy: Opportunities and Cautions”  
*Paul Frederick, Utilization Forester, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation*  
*Adam Sherman, Program Manager, Biomass Energy Resource Center*  
*William Kropelin, Chief Forester, McNeil Generating Station, BED*  
*Richard Valentinetti, Director, Vermont Air Pollution Control Division*  
*Lisa Rector, Senior Policy Analyst, NESCAUM*

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- 2:00 pm “Developing an Integrated Land Use, Transportation, and Environmental Quality Simulation Model for Chittenden County.”  
*Dr. Austin Troy, University of Vermont, Rubenstein School*
- 2:30 pm "Carbon Dioxide Reductions Through Forestry"  
*Sandy Wilmot, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation*
- 3:00 pm “Carbon in Forest Surface Soils of the Northeast: Tight Linkages to Both Nitrogen and Tree Species”  
*Dr. Donald Ross, University of Vermont, Plant and Soil Science*
- 3:30 pm "Reflections: The Government's Role in Reducing Dependence on Fossil Fuel and Simultaneously Sustaining Healthy Forest Ecosystems”  
*George Crombie, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Secretary*
- 4:00 pm Closing Remarks & END

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