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- 8:00 am** **Registration Open – Breakfast**
Enjoy a light breakfast with your peers before taking a seat for the day’s sessions.
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- 9:00 am** **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
- **Andrea Brandon**, *Eastern Minnesota Conservation Coordinator*, The Nature Conservancy
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- 9:05 am** **Keynote: Managing Forest Ecosystems for Resiliency**
Climate change and other stressors are making their presence felt in the St. Croix watershed. How do we adapt?
- **Eli Sagor**, *Sustainable Forests Education Cooperative Manager*, University of Minnesota
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- 9:55 am** **Keynote: Rolling Barrens and Open Landscapes of the Upper St. Croix**
Hear about management strategies to restore the Northwest Sands and open landscapes of the Upper St. Croix, ensuring the resiliency of this unique ecosystem.
- **Bob Hanson**, *Wildlife Biologist*, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources
 - **Jodie Provost**, *Private Land Habitat Coordinator*, Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources
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- 10:40 am** **Networking Break**
Grab some coffee and check out the great booth information while making valuable networking connections.
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- 11:00 am** **Panel on Building Resilient Ash Systems in the Face of Emerald Ash Borer**
Since its discovery, EAB has killed tens of millions of ash trees in the Midwest. What are we doing to prepare for and manage EAB infestation in our region?
- **Jerry Van Cleve**, *Forest Silviculturist*, Chequamegon-Nicolet and Ottawa National Forests
 - **Paul Cigan**, *Forest Health Specialist*, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources
 - **Brian Palik**, *Research Ecologist*, USDA Forest Service – Northern Research Station
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- 12:00 pm** **Networking Lunch**
Enjoy lunch while networking with your peers. Don’t forget to check out the booths!

1:00 pm Break Out Sessions I

Pow-Wow Room: Applying Urban Forestry to Small Communities

- **Don Kissinger**, *Forestry Specialist*, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Gandy Dancer Room: Panel on Using Easements as a Tool for Forest Protection

- **Pat Collins**, *Critical Shoreline Program Manager*, Minnesota Land Trust
- **Rick Remington**, *Conservation Director*, West Wisconsin Land Trust
- **TBD**

Bear Den: Wisconsin Strategies and Direction for Private Lands Management

- **Jim Warren**, *Public & Private Forestry Section Chief*, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

2:00 pm Networking Break

Grab a snack and pick up where you left off with networking and exhibits.

2:20 pm Break Out Sessions II

Pow-Wow Room: Private Forest Landowner Engagement Tools and Strategies in the Lake Superior Region

- **Taylor Tibbals**, *Landowner & Community Outreach Director*, Bayfield Regional Conservancy

Gandy Dancer Room: Ensuring Safety in High Risk Fire Communities

- **Amy Luebke**, *Wildfire – Urban Interface Specialist*, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

Bear Den: Managing Healthy Forests for Healthy Fisheries

- **Heather Baird**, *Aquatic Habitat Specialist Sr.*, Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources
- **Lindberg Ekola**, *Landscape Program Manager*, Minnesota Forest Resources Council

3:20 pm Adjourn