

As a first for the City of Cleveland, the Natural Areas Association and the Cleveland Museum of Natural History are proud to present the 34th Annual Natural Areas Conference to be held at the Cleveland Marriott at Key Center, October 9-12, 2007. The theme of the Conference is *Some Assembly Required: Preserving Nature in a Fragmented Landscape*. It has been well established that ecosystem fragmentation has altered biodiversity and intrinsic processes that are key to the functioning of natural areas. One of the primary challenges for conservation organizations and agencies involves the selection, acquisition and subsequent management of fragments containing core ecosystems. The 2007 Natural Areas Conference, through plenary sessions, symposia, contributed oral and poster presentations, and field trips, will provide a forum to explore this theme as well as other topics that are relevant to ecosystem conservation, ranging from invasive species to fire ecology to global climate change.



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FLORISTIC QUALITY ASSESSMENT INDEX (FQAI) FOR VASCULAR PLANTS AND MOSSES FOR THE STATE OF OHIO. Barbara K. Andreas¹, John J. Mack², and James S. McCormac³. ¹Department of Biological Sciences, Kent State University. bandreas@kent.edu. ²Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. john.mack@epa.state.oh.us. ³Ohio Department of Natural Resources. jim.mccormac@dnr.state.oh.us.

The Floristic Quality Assessment Index (FQAI) is a variation on a long tradition of richness and diversity indices in ecology and can be conceptualized as the weighted averaging of species richness...

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Oral Presentations

Oral presentations in the concurrent sessions will be 20 minutes in length, followed by 3–5 minutes for questions. Adherence to presentation time limits will be strictly enforced. Microsoft PowerPoint and Adobe Acrobat Reader are strongly preferred for oral presentations. Overhead or slide projectors will be available only upon special request by June 30, 2007 to Renee Boronka, rboronka@cmnh.org. Each meeting room will be equipped with a dedicated LCD projector and PC laptop operating Windows XP, and loaded with MS Office 2002 and Adobe Acrobat 7.0. New versions of PowerPoint may not work so presentations should be saved in a format compatible with MS Office 2002 for Windows XP or with Adobe Acrobat Reader 7.0. Corel Presentations and MAC formats are not supported. All presenters must contact their session coordinator or projectionist at least 30 minutes before the start of the session to load their presentations. Acceptable media include CD-ROM and USB Flash drives.

Poster Presentations

Posters are strongly encouraged as they allow extended informal discussions, active participation of co-authors, and are displayed throughout the conference. You are required to be present during the formal poster session on October 10 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Poster boards must be portrait-oriented, sized 4 x 3 feet (1.2 x 0.91 m) or smaller.

Themes

Presentations on all topics relevant to natural areas conservation and management will be considered. Contributed papers and invited papers for conference symposia will explore and synthesize a wide variety of topics, including:

- Collaboratives/Partnerships
- Deer Management and Nuisance Wildlife
- Ecosystem Conservation
- Fire as a Conservation and Management Tool
- Freshwater Ecosystem Restoration and Assessment
- Invasive Plants
- Land Trusts/Land Protection
- Rare Species Management

Student Presentation Competition

Students who are planning to present a paper and/or poster at the conference are strongly encouraged to consider enrolling in the Student Presentation Competition. Along with your abstract, please send a short statement of intent to participate in the competition and proof of student status. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the conference on the afternoon of October 12, 2007.

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