



MOUNTAIN LAKE

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, INCORPORATED

Summer 2018 Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Council: President's Letter

I can't believe summer is finally here!! Winter seemed to linger for many of us in the Northeast. Hopefully all herbicide application programs are off to a good start and that the weather is cooperating for everyone's vegetation management projects. The Board has been diligently working on tying up some loose ends for this year's conference. I hope all members are excited to visit the sweetest place on earth!! October 8th is only 3 months away, which means registration is NOW OPEN!

This year we are bringing in a wide array of speakers to discuss applicable topics in our respective fields. For those of us that must strictly adhere to budgets, we will have a speaker talk on the cost effects of deferring a vegetation program. Our panel discussion will include professionals which will cover recent computer software developments and how they improve work planning. If anyone has not been to the southeastern corner of Pennsylvania for a while and seen some of the damage done by the Spotted Lanternfly, we will be providing updated information for you. We will also be bringing in someone to talk about how our right of way management activities can impact migratory birds. I simply wanted to provide a brief overview to hopefully get you excited for our conference this October.

I'll end with relaying a few reminders. Please mark the date for our conference on your calendars (October 8th-10th). This year's event will be held at the Holiday inn in Grantville, PA (just a few miles outside of Hershey). If able, please bring your PPE for the field tour as we will be out on some transmission right of ways, which will require some short distance walks. Following the field tour, we will visit Troeg's Brewery for a dinner and some social networking! Also, please don't forget about our annual golf outing prior to the official start of the meeting. Details and registration for the golf tournament will soon be forthcoming.

Thank you for your time and I am truly excited to see everyone in October!!

Be safe,

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MLVMC President

