



FEMC Working Group Guidelines

FEMC Mission and Vision

The mission of the Forest Ecosystem Monitoring Cooperative (FEMC) is to serve the northeast temperate forest region through improved understanding of long term trends, annual conditions, and interdisciplinary relationships of the physical, chemical, and biological components of forested ecosystems.

The FEMC also promotes the efficient coordination of multidisciplinary environmental monitoring and research activities among federal, state, university, and private agencies with common interests in the long term health, management, and protection of forested ecosystems.

The vision of the FEMC is to provide a diverse network of public and private partners, residents, and communities in the Northeast have access to reliable knowledge, data, support, and network connections they need. The FEMC uses this knowledge to sustain more resilient and healthy forest ecosystems and communities.

FEMC Working Group Expectations

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- x Connect between meetings via email
- x Convene for a specific period of time, or until the project is completed
- x Are not likely to invite rolling membership.

Participation Expectations

FEMC working group members are expected to:

- x Be active participants. Participation on the Working Group is voluntary, but if you elect to join, we ask that you be an active member by attending meetings, responding to requests, and contributing to activities. The success of the group, and project outcomes, depends on all members taking part. Members who do not participate will be asked to confirm if they would like to continue or if they should step down from their role.
- x Respect the confidentiality of the group. Working group products, progress and discussion topics should not be shared with people outside the group without explicit consent from FEMC staff or by consensus from the group. This is to protect both the shared intellectual property of the group and the ability of members to have difficult and meaningful conversations. Where there is any doubt about what is available for reuse and under what terms, please contact the working group lead.

What you can expect from participation

- x To be included in decisions about when the group meets
- x To be sent calendar invites about working group meetings and informed ahead of time when