

New Project Leader Announced for the HTIRC



Dr. Mark Coggeshall has accepted the position as Supervisory Senior Research Scientist with the USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station based in West Lafayette, Indiana. In this position, Mark will serve as project leader and co-director of the Hardwood Tree Improvement and Regeneration Center (HTIRC), a collaborative research partnership between the USDA Forest Service and Purdue University Forestry and Natural Resources department (FNR).

Dr. Coggeshall is an Assistant Research Professor at the University of Missouri where he focuses on hardwood tree improvement and improved nut tree cultivars for use in agroforestry systems.

Mark spent twenty years working in Indiana developing genetic improvement programs for a number of fine hardwood tree species. He states, “Looking forward, I anticipate broadening the focus of the current HTIRC research portfolio to include new and expanded collaborations with other institutions throughout the Midwestern U.S. and beyond.”

In order to take advantage of a number of research projects he has established in Missouri over the past 17 years, Mark plans to split his time between West Lafayette and Columbia, Missouri. Many of those research projects will complement parallel studies being conducted at the HTIRC.

In announcing the decision, Tom Schmidt, Assistant Director of the Northern Research Station noted, “This is a wonderful advancement for all of us. Mark has a great skill set and long-term interactions with our efforts.” Mark will start his new position on January 15th, 2017.

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