



Chestnut Chat, January 17, 2025  
Town Hall and Peer-to-Peer Learning

There were two breakout sessions. A set of three statements were discussed in each.

- BREAKOUT 1
- "The American chestnut was once a dominant tree species in eastern North American forests."
- "Purity of native species is the most important aspect of plant or tree restoration."
- "Efforts to restore the American chestnut must involve traditional breeding, biotechnology, and biological control methods."
  
- BREAKOUT 2
- "The planting of Chinese chestnuts, as well as other non-native chestnut species, should be limited."
- "All we need to begin restoration is a disease-resistant American chestnut."
- "Public perception and regulatory challenges are important considerations in American chestnut restoration efforts."