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Voluntary Land Conservation Through Legal Agreements



September 27, 2005

Upper Mountain Research Station,
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Spruce Pine, NC - Mitchell County

September 29, 2005

Cradle of Forestry,
Pisgah, NC - Transylvania County

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Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources
NC Cooperative Extension Forestry
Conservation Trust for North Carolina
NC Division of Forest Resources

About the Workshops

The landscape of North Carolina is changing rapidly and forest and farmland continue to be broken up into smaller parcels and developed for residential and commercial uses. Landowners may wish to ensure their land stewardship continues into the future, even under new ownership. For landowners who make this choice, the *Conservation Agreement* (Easement) can be the way to go. With Millions of acres protected, private voluntary land conservation is permanently changing the landscape of America. Conservation agreements provide landowners unique and powerful tools to benefit financially while protecting their property and leaving a legacy for future generations.

Conservation Agreements are legal agreements between landowners and non-profit entities such as land trusts or the government that permanently protect land and limit its use to protect stated conservation values. These values can include continued farming and/or timber management, wildlife management, water protection, and other resource protection, depending on how the easement is written. These workshops will expose attendees to the laws governing, and incentives available for conservation agreements. They will also provide information on how these agreements work and what benefits they provide the landowner. Experts in the fields of conservation law, tax law, forest management and conservation planning will present and be on hand to answer attendees' questions.

Who Should Attend?

Landowners, foresters, farmers, attorneys, financial planners, and others interested in or curious about conservation agreements as a method of long term land stewardship should attend.

Workshop Locations

The agenda will be the same for all three workshops, so you should attend the location most convenient for you. The **Sept. 27** workshop will be held at the Upper Mountain Research Station in Laurel Springs, NC. The **Sept. 28** workshop will be held at Mayland Community College in Spruce Pine, NC. The **Sept. 29** workshop will be held at the Cradle of Forestry in Pisgah, NC. Directions to the workshops will be included with your registration confirmation letter. **Lodging is not included in the registration fee.**

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About the Presenters

Ed Norvell serves as Legal Counsel for the Conservation Trust for North Carolina. Ed works with member land trusts across the state helping with legal matters, drafting easements, orchestrating seminars and helping with land protection projects. A major part of his job involves working with CTNC's Blue Ridge Parkway project. Ed is an attorney, with a BA from UNC-Chapel Hill, an MA from City University of New York, and a JD from Wake Forest School of Law. Prior to his land trust work Ed was in the private practice of law where he focused primarily on real estate, estates and estate planning.

Rick Hamilton is the Department Extension Leader for Extension Forestry in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources at North Carolina State University. Rick has a BA in biology from Lycoming College and a Master of Forestry degree from Duke University. Rick specializes in forest landowner assistance in the areas of tax planning and forest management, among others, and has been instrumental in helping to define Working Forest Conservation Easements for the State of NC.

Mark Megalos works for the NC Division of Forest Resources and directs their Forest Stewardship, Training and Forest Legacy programs. Mark administers a multi-agency landowner assistance program with enrollment of over 3,500 landowners that control roughly 473,000 acres of NC's private forestland. Mark initiated the Forest Legacy program for North Carolina, securing over \$10 million for the purchase of development rights on forested properties since 1999. Mark has BS in Natural Resource Management / Forestry from Rutgers University, an MS in Forest Science and a Ph.D. in Forestry from North Carolina State University.

Guido van der Hoeven is an Extension Specialist in Agriculture and Resource Economics at North Carolina State University. Guido has a BS in Natural Resource Management and an MS in Agricultural Economics from Kansas State University. Guido's research interests include income taxation of individuals and business entities, machinery economics, farm business management and the profitable continuation of "family firms" to succeeding generations. His current extension responsibilities are to provide resources and program leadership in the areas of taxation, agricultural information systems, estate planning, and farm management.

Presenters may also include other conservation and forestry experts in each location.

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Agenda

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Conservation Easements 101: An Overview
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Estate and Tax Planning, NC Conservation Tax Credit Program
- 12:00 Lunch - provided
- 12:45 Conservation Easement Provisions and Timber Management
- 1:45 A Working Forest Conservation Easement Case Study
- 2:15 Federal and State Programs that Support Land Conservation
- 2:45 Conservation Planning
- 3:15 Adjourn

Registration

The registration fee is \$35; for lawyers requesting continuing legal education credits, the registration fee is \$95. Space in the workshop is limited. We will create a waiting list if necessary. On-line registration is available at www.ncsu.edu/feop.

Accreditation

Each of the three workshops is approved for 5.0 Category 1 Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credits from the Society of American Foresters. Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits have been requested from the NC State Bar, and the number of credits will be posted online when approved (www.ncsu.edu/feop).

For upcoming workshops and more information on the Forestry & Environmental Outreach Program visit the FEOP home page at www.ncsu.edu/feop or contact Becky Townsend at 919-515-9563 (phone), 919-515-6883 (fax), or becky_townsend@ncsu.edu

Registration Form

Voluntary Land Conservation - Deadline: Sept. 20

Name _____
Organization _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Daytime Phone _____
Fax _____
E-Mail _____
Vegetarian Meal Required? _____
Physical Requirements? _____
I wish to attend: ___ Sept. 27: Laurel Springs ___ Sept. 28: Spruce Pine ___ Sept. 29: Pisgah
Registration fee: ___ \$35 (regular) ___ \$95 (with CLEs)
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