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Land Conservation Strategies and Tools



November 1, 2006

Valle Crucis Center ~ Boone, NC

November 2, 2006

University of North Carolina Asheville,
Humanities Lecture Hall - Asheville, NC

November 3, 2006

Western Carolina University Outreach Center
Cullowee, NC

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Conservation Trust for North Carolina
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www.ncsu.edu/feop/easements/index.html

About the Workshops

The landscape of North Carolina is changing rapidly and wildlife habitat, forests and farms 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 easement (sometimes called a conservation agreement) can be the way to go. Private voluntary land conservation is providing permanent protection of the natural and rural landscape of America. Conservation easements provide landowners unique and powerful tools to benefit financially while protecting their property and leaving a legacy for future generations.

Conservation easements are legal agreements between landowners and nonprofit 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 wildlife management, forest management, sustainable agriculture, water protection, and other resource protection, depending on the property and the terms of the agreement. These workshops will expose attendees to the laws governing conservation easements, and incentives and benefits available to willing landowners. They will also provide information on how these agreements work and what benefits they provide to wildlife in Western North Carolina. Experts in the fields of conservation law, tax law, wildlife management and conservation planning will present and be on hand to answer attendees' questions.

Attendees will also learn about *Blue Ridge Forever*, a coalition of thirteen local, state and national conservation organizations that have come together to raise support for the protection of Western North Carolina's clean water, scenic beauty, wildlife habitat, farmland and cultural heritage.

Who Should Attend?

Landowners, foresters, farmers, attorneys, financial planners, soil and water conservationists, and others interested in or curious about conservation easements as a method of long term land stewardship.

Presenters Include

Ed Norvell, 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.

Mark Megalos, Outreach Associate with the NC Cooperative Extension Forestry at NC State University. 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.

Robert P. Cherry, Resource Management Specialist with the National Park Service will join us for the Boone workshop on November 1st.

Scott B. Bosworth, Mountain Wildlife Diversity Biologist from the NC Wildlife Resources Commission will speak at the November 2nd workshop in Asheville.

Christine Kelly, Mountain Wildlife Diversity Biologist, NC Wildlife Resources Commission Non-game Division is will speak at the November 3rd Cullowee workshop.

Local Landowners at each workshop will speak about conservation easements on their properties.

Workshop Locations

All workshops will cover the same information, so you should choose the location that is most convenient.

November 1, 2006 - Valle Crucis Center in Boone, NC. **Registration at 12:30 p.m. and Workshop 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

November 2, 2006 - University of North Carolina Asheville, Humanities Lecture Hall in Asheville, NC. **Registration at 12:30 p.m. and Workshop 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

November 3, 2006 - Western Carolina University Outreach Center in Cullowee, NC. **Registration at 8:00 a.m. and Workshop 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Agenda for each workshop

- Conservation Tools and Legal Considerations
- State and Federal Land Conservation Programs
- New Tax Incentives for Conservation
- Types of Properties Land Trusts Seek
- Wildlife Conservation
- Meet Your Local Land Trust
- Introduction to *Blue Ridge Forever*

Registration

The registration fee for each workshop is \$30.00. The registration deadline is October 20th.

Lodging is not included in the registration fee. Space in these workshops is limited. We will create a waiting list if necessary. On-line registration is available at www.ncsu.edu/feop. Directions to the workshops will be included with your registration confirmation letter. Anyone cancelling by Oct. 20 will receive a \$20 refund.

Accreditation

We have requested continuing education credits for Foresters (SAF CFEs) and Attorneys. We will post the Continuing Education hours on our website at www.ncsu.edu/feop/easements/index.html.



Registration Form

Land Conservation Strategies and Tools
Registration Deadline: Oct. 20, 2006

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Dietary or Physical Limitations? _____

Choose workshop location and date

November 1 - Valle Crucis Ctr. - Boone, NC

November 2 - UNCA - Asheville, NC:

November 3 - WCU - Cullowee, NC

Method of Payment

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OR complete this form and mail with \$30
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