

SAVE THE DATE....

Saturday, January 14, 2012

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**FOREST FINANCE 2012:
FINANCIAL FACTS for FOREST OWNERS**

**Good Stewardship is Good Business ~
Good Business Practices Yield Better Forests**

The Business of Stewardship ~ Eric Carlson – President & CEO of The Empire State Forest Products Association, will discuss a businesslike approach, and various systems to help it along -- Tree Farm, forest certification systems such as SFI and FSC and why they are important to the landowner as guides to action and validation of current management strategies.

Income and Property taxes ~ There are trouble-free strategies to lower your tax bill, but each involves weighing the benefits and burdens. Steven Bick, consulting forester and principal in Northeast Forests, LLC, guides us through the process. Bick holds a Ph.D. in Forest Management and Economics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Succession Planning ~ **the human side of estate planning.** Call it “human stewardship” if you will. Dr. Shorna Broussard Allred of Cornell’s Department of Natural Resources and Cornell University Cooperative Extension focuses on maintaining family ties to the land from generation to generation, building awareness of the key challenges facing private woodland owners, and motivating families to address the challenges.

Conservation Easements ~ This could be one way for a landowner to do a public good while benefiting his family’s future. Steven Bick, of Northeast Forests, LLC, has written about easements and consulted with many forest owners. Here, he will lay out the pros and cons for family owners.

Bring it All Together: Q & A Panel

The day’s speakers will sit on a panel to answer your questions. Pre-registration will be required for this workshop.

**For further information, call Cornell Cooperative Extension, Warren County
518-623-3291 or 518-668-4881.**