

# FORESTRY Woodland Owner Notes eNewsletter

#### March 2020

#### Regional Farmland Preservation Workshops Across the State



These workshops are hosted by the NC Agricultural Development & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund for local government, land trusts, conservation nonprofits, and other entities involved in the application, recording, and monitoring of conservation easements. Landowners interested in conservation easements for their working farm or forest may attend to learn more about the life cycle of conservation easements. The workshops are free and open to the public, and you can find more information here.

Map from ncadfp.org



#### Sustainable Forestry & Land Retention Study Quantifies Impact for Landowners

It's important to quantify the benefits of programs to aid in understanding their effectiveness, so that's just what Forest2Market did for the Sustainable Forestry and African American Land Retention (SFLR) program! The study considered many of the hurdles faced by landowners, and was designed to identify monetary benefits that could potentially be recognized by SFLR participants. You can check out the study and it's results here.



## NC ForestHer Workshops Coming Up

The next ForestHer NC workshop will be in March 2020 on "Managing for Wildlife." Pre-registration is required, and the cost of the workshop is \$25. Lunch and continuing education credits are provided. A few of the topics that will be covered include: Invasive Plants and Their Impact on Wildlife, Native Landscaping for Wildlife, and Human-Wildlife Interactions. Dates for the workshops can be found below, and to register and for more information click here.



#### **Mass Timber Gaining More Attention**

We all know the benefits of wood and the many opportunities that come with it, and now others are starting to notice! Our article offers a brief overview of mass timber and CLT and their prospects in the US South, and it's always good to hear others talking about how beneficial and sustainable this building option is. See what they have to say about mass timber, you can read the full article here.

### Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

**March 5, 2020 (Th), 9am-2:30pm, Regional Farmland Preservation Workshop.** Location: Iredell County Center, Statesville, NC. These workshops are for local government, land trusts, conservation nonprofits, and other entities involved in the application, recording, and monitoring of conservation easements. Landowners interested in conservation easements for their working farm or forest may attend to learn more about the life cycle of conservation easements. The workshops are free and open to the public, and you can find more information here.

**March 10, 2020 (T), 6-8pm, Selling Your Timber.** Location: Richmond County Center, Rockingham, NC. Join our own Dr. Robert Bardon for a workshop about selling your timber. This workshop is part of the Woodland Workshop Series being put on by the Richmond County Center. The Sandhills Prescribed Burn Association is sponsoring a meal with this program, so be sure to RSVP by March 6th. This program is free, but registration is required. You can register by calling 910-977-8255 or email Paige Burns.

March 10, 2020 (T), 9am-2:30pm, Regional Farmland Preservation Workshop. Location: Chatham County Ag Center, Pittsboro, NC. These workshops are for local government, land trusts, conservation nonprofits, and other entities involved in the application, recording, and monitoring of conservation easements. Landowners interested in conservation easements for their working farm or forest may attend to learn more about the life cycle of conservation easements. The workshops are free and open to the public, and you can find more information here.

**March 12, 2020 (Th), 9am-4pm, ForestHer NC Piedmont - Managing for Wildlife.** Location: Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center, Pittsboro, NC. The next ForestHer NC workshop will be in March 2020 on "Managing for Wildlife." Pre-registration is required, and the cost of the workshop is \$25. Lunch and continuing education credits are provided. To register and for more information click here.

**March 17, 2020 (T), 9am-2:30pm, Regional Farmland Preservation Workshop.** Location: Owens Ag Center, Lumberton, NC. These workshops are for local government, land trusts, conservation nonprofits, and other entities involved in the application, recording, and monitoring of conservation easements. Landowners interested in conservation easements for their working farm or forest may attend to learn more about the life cycle of conservation easements. The workshops are free and open to the public, and you can find more information here.

**March 17, 2020 (T), 6:30-8pm, Importance of Forestry Plans.** Location: Richmond County Center, Rockingham, NC. Why have a Forestry Management Plan? This program will cover the many benefits a management plan provides: improved timber quality, higher value, tax relief, landowner protection and more. Also: the problem of forest pests on tree health – how management can protect trees. This workshop is part of the Woodland Workshop Series being put on by the Richmond County Center. This program is free, but registration is required. You can register by calling 910-977-8255 or email Paige Burns.

**March 18, 2020 (W), 9am-12pm, Sustainable Forestry Landowner Workshop.** Location: Center for Energy Education, Roanoke Rapids, NC. Are you a farmer or forest landowner? Come and hear from local natural resource agencies about their programs and services. The US Forest Service Climate Hub will present on climate change the potential effects on agriculture and forests. The registration deadline is March 11th, and more information can be found on this website and the event flyer. Contact Sherwynn Best with questions.

**March 19, 2020 (Th), 9am-4pm, ForestHer NC Coast - Managing for Wildlife.** Location: Lenoir County Center, Kinston, NC. The next ForestHer NC workshop will be in March 2020 on " Managing for Wildlife. " Pre-registration is required, and the cost of the workshop is \$25. Lunch and continuing education credits are provided. To register and for more information click here.

March 26, 2020 (Th), 9am-4pm, ForestHer NC Mountains - Managing for Wildlife. Location: Harold Smith Building, Marion, NC. The next ForestHer NC workshop will be in March 2020 on "Managing for Wildlife." Pre-registration is required, and the cost of the workshop is \$25. Lunch and continuing education credits are provided. To register and for more information click here.

March 28, 2020 (Sat), 9am-4pm, DuPont State Forest: Learn and Burn. Location: DuPont State Forest High Falls Loop Picnic Shelter. The rain date for this event is April 4th, stay tuned for more details!

**March 31, 2020 (T), 6:30-8pm, Seeking assistance from a Forestry Professional.** Location: Richmond County Center, Rockingham, NC. There are many resources to assist landowners in managing their woodlands, if you know where to look. This program gives landowners guidance on where to go for assistance for woodland management. Representatives from NC Forest Service and other agencies provide information about their programs. This workshop is part of the Woodland Workshop Series being put on by the Richmond County Center. This program is free, but registration is required. You can register by calling 910-977-8255 or email Paige Burns.

**April 1, 2020 (W), 9am-2:30pm, Regional Farmland Preservation Workshop.** Location: Virginia Boone Building, WNC Ag Center, Fletcher, NC. These workshops are for local government, land trusts, conservation nonprofits, and other entities involved in the application, recording, and monitoring of conservation easements. Landowners interested in conservation easements for their working farm or forest may attend to learn more about the life cycle of conservation easements. The workshops are free and open to the public, and you can find more information here.

**April 7, 2020 (T), 6:30-8pm. Forest Product Markets.** Location: Richmond County Center, Rockingham, NC. NCSU Extension Specialists address the different products woodlands landowners can develop. Representative from forest product markets will also be present to discuss their industries, including Enviva and the NC Pinestraw Association. This workshop is part of the Woodland Workshop Series being put on by the Richmond County Center. This program is free, but registration is required. You can register by calling 910-977-8255 or email Paige Burns.

April 10, 2020 (F), 9am-3pm, Environmental Education for the K-8 Classroom: Project Learning Tree. Location: Carolina Beach State Park, Carolina Beach, NC. Join other K-8 classroom and nonformal educators as we explore activities in the Project Learning Tree K-8 Curriculum Guide. Every participant will leave the workshop with the PLT K-8 Activity Guide which includes 96 activities correlated to the NC Standard Course of Study and Essential Standards. The PLT activity guides are provided free of charge to participants through support from the NC Forestry Association. CEU renewal credits are available. Registration deadline is April 6, 2020, and you can register by clicking here, the cost of the workshop is \$20. Contact Stephanie Covell with questions. This workshop is one of many being held during EE Week at Carolina Beach State Park! Contact the park for their other offerings!

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