

Webcast to Focus on Protecting Land with Tax Incentives

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COLUMBUS, Ohio -- Ohio State University's Center for Farmland Policy Innovation is hosting a local site for viewing the Land Trust Alliance webcast, "Tax Incentives for Private Land Protection" on Thursday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Registration closes on Thursday, Aug. 30.

This seminar is designed for tax and real estate attorneys, appraisers, and financial advisers. It will focus on using tax incentives to protect private land.

The webcast originates from the University of Michigan-Flint, and the local showing will be in the Agricultural Administration Building, 2120 Fyffe Road, on Ohio State's Columbus campus.

Registration is \$65 for Land Trust Alliance members and nonprofit organizations, and \$85 for all others. This fee includes lunch, workshop materials and a copy of Preserving Family Lands Book III. During lunchtime, the local site will have an Ohio-specific presentation and discussion, said Jill Clark, the farmland policy center's director and coordinator of the Columbus event.

The Land Trust Alliance is applying for Continuing Legal, Appraiser, and CPA Education credit in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. The cost for obtaining this credit is \$25 per person.

For more information and to register online, go to http://www.lta.org/training/lct_mw.htm.

The webcast will be led by Stephen J. Small, Esq., a nationally known expert on federal income and estate tax planning to help preserve valued family land, including planning for the next generation of ownership. He is a tax attorney at his own firm in Boston, and the author of several books, including The Federal Tax Law of Conservation Easements and Preserving Family Lands: Book I, II, and III.

Topics to be covered are:

- New tax incentives for land conservation passed in 2006.
- Changes in estate tax law.
- IRS rules for appraisals.

- Section 2031(c) “exclusion” and post-mortem easements.
- Succession planning for family lands.

For registration questions, contact Patty Tipson with the Land Trust Alliance at (202) 638-4725 or ptipson@lta.org. For course content questions, contact the Land Trust Alliance, Midwest Office at (269) 324-1683 or midwest@lta.org. In addition, anyone unable to attend the seminar due to the Rosh Hashanah holiday may contact the Alliance's Midwest Office for workshop materials.