

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **WANTED: Forest Owner Volunteers Or Help Spread the Forest Stewardship Message**

Cornell Cooperative Extension is looking for a few good forest owner volunteers to meet and work with their neighbors. The NY Master Forest Owner Program is entering its 19<sup>th</sup> year and is looking to fill up its new volunteer training workshop. Volunteers who complete the 4-day workshop will join the corps of 199 certified volunteers across the state.

Sept. 9 – 13, at Cornell University's Arnot Teaching and Research Forest  
VanEtten, NY (south of Ithaca in Schuyler Co.)  
*Applications due by Aug. 19, 2009*

Volunteers can commute daily, or free accommodations are available. There is a \$50 fee that helps defray lodging, publications, food, and equipment costs of the 4-day training. The workshop combines classroom and outdoor field experiences on a wide variety of subjects including; tree identification, finding boundaries, forest ecology, wildlife and sawtimber management, communication techniques, and a visit to a nearby sawmill.

The goal of the MFO Program is to provide private forest owners with the information and encouragement necessary to manage their forests to enhance ownership satisfaction. MFOs do not perform management activities nor give professional advice. Rather, they meet with forest owners to listen to their concerns and questions, and offer advice as to sources of assistance based on their training and personal experience.

Information and an application are available at: [www.cornellmfo.info](http://www.cornellmfo.info)

**or** the information packet and application form can be mailed to you. Please send your name and address to:

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