



## **Council of Forest Resource Organization's Forestry Awareness Day 2012; Registration is FREE to members of Host and Sponsor Groups!**

The business and economic climate in New York State is difficult. So many different groups and organizations are being affected by budget cuts, including the forestry community. The time has come to ensure we make the new Administration know just how crucial our forests and our community are to the vitality of New York State. We cannot leave it up to anyone else. It's our responsibility – and the planning is already taking place. The Council of Forest Resource Organization's (CFRO) Forestry Awareness Day (FAD) will be held in Albany on Tuesday, March 13, 2012. Participants will come to Albany and attend planned visits to legislative offices to discuss forestry issues in New York State. These visits are essential to ensuring a good and *informed* relationship with the leaders in New York. *All members of hosting and sponsoring organizations can attend the day's events free of charge!* These visits will provide participants the opportunity to convey to legislative leaders those issues of importance to the forestry community in New York State.

Participants will attend a morning discussion session which will consist of an issue briefing to help prepare for their legislative visits later in the day. The morning session will highlight the issues on the CFRO Legislative Agenda for the day. The CFRO committee is still finalizing those issues. Tentative Issues are:

Forest Taxation  
Marcellus Shale  
Invasive Species  
Biomass Energy

Our hosts and sponsors will also have exhibit space during the course of the day. Hosts and sponsors are as follows:

### **Hosted By (tentative):**

#### **Empire State Forest Products Association**

#### **Watershed Agricultural Council— Watershed Forestry Program**

### **Sponsored by (tentative):**

Adirondack Landowners Association  
American Forest & Paper Association  
Audubon New York  
Catskill Forest Association  
Catskill Landowner Association  
New York Biomass Energy Alliance  
New York Farm Bureau  
New York Forest Owners Association  
New York Forest Practice Board  
New York Society of American Foresters  
New York State Tree Farm  
New York SFI Implementation Committee  
NYS Urban & Community Forestry Council  
SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry  
The Nature Conservancy

Forestry Awareness Day is important for all members of the forestry community. Use the day to initiate new relationships or foster existing relationships with our legislative leaders. Times are difficult in New York State – every voice counts and your presence is needed! Don't miss Forestry Awareness Day 2012, make your voice heard!