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Upcoming Programs!

- **Ecosystem Services Conference – Prepare for new markets for carbon and nutrients**

The Ecosystem Services: Marketing Environmental Solutions conference taking place on March 12-13, 2009 in Charlottesville, Virginia (<http://www.cpe.vt.edu/esmes/>) will feature the foremost international, national, and regional experts to explain how market-based solutions are being used to solve environmental problems. Featured speakers from international NGOs such as the World Resources Institute and WinRock International as well as from Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment will elucidate the formation of ecosystem service markets. Successful projects will be described by knowledgeable service providers, and buyer and seller perspectives will be offered. Panel discussions will aid in sorting out the finer details of specific carbon, nutrient, wetlands, and species market opportunities. Industry, government, non-governmental organizations, academia, and landowners will all benefit by gaining a better understanding of how ecosystem service markets function and what that will mean for them and their organizations.

- **On-Line Woodland Options for Landowners.**

Stay tuned for the 2009 offering of On-Line Woodland Options for Landowners, spring 2009. This 12 week course will teach you the basics of forest management, along with a hands-on field trip so you can practice your new skills. This year the class will have a new format, should be less expensive than in previous years, and will be housed on the Virginia LEAF site (www.valeaf.org). Stay tuned for details.

- **Forestry education for women who own forests.**

A new series of workshops/networking opportunities will be offered this spring across Virginia. The programs will be tailored to women who own forest land, are the primary managers of forestland, or who are interested in becoming more involved with forest management. The first program will be a 3/4 day class focusing on the basics of forest ownership and management. The second program will be a 3/4 field

day to learn and practice field skills (such as tree identification and measurements). Both programs will serve as a starting point to form networks amongst the participants. We need a name for this program, so any and all suggestions are welcome!