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- New on-line classes for landowners, loggers and natural resource professionals are now available. Classes include:
  - Laws Affecting Water Quality and Forestry Operations in Virginia
  - Protecting Water Quality with Best Management Practices in VirginiaThese 30-minute modules are **FREE** and each one qualifies for 0.5 SAF CFE credits. Visit [www.sharplogger.vt.edu/onlineCE.html](http://www.sharplogger.vt.edu/onlineCE.html).
- 2009 Tax Tips for Forest Landowners is now available at [www.timbertax.org](http://www.timbertax.org)
- Estate Planning for Forest Landowners is now available at [www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/31987](http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/31987). A limited number of hard copies are available through the Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program – contact Jennifer Gagnon 540/231-6391.
- If you are a non-industrial private landowner, **MONEY** is available for **YOU!** For a complete listing of programs in Virginia, visit the Virginia Department of Forestry's website [www.dof.virginia.gov](http://www.dof.virginia.gov). Some cost-share/incentive programs that are available include:
  - Conservation Activity Plans (under the EQIP Program) – pays up to 75% cost share for landowners to have a forest management plan prepared by a professional forestry consultant.<sup>1</sup>
  - Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) – for non-industrial private landowners for maintaining or adopting practices that promote conservation.<sup>1</sup>
  - Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) – for landowners who implement on-the ground actions that improve riparian areas.<sup>2</sup>
  - Pine Bark Beetle Protection Program (PBBPP) – helps landowners conduct pre and commercial thinning in their pine forests.<sup>2</sup>
  - Reforestation of Timberlands (RT) – assists landowners with costs associated with site prep, planting and release of pines.<sup>2</sup>
  - Virginia Agriculture BMP Program – cost share for landowners who improve water quality in streams, rivers and the Bay.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service Office for details: [www.va.nrcs.usda.gov/](http://www.va.nrcs.usda.gov/)

<sup>2</sup>contact the Virginia Department of Forestry for details: [www.dof.virginia.gov](http://www.dof.virginia.gov)

<sup>3</sup>contact your local Soil & Water Conservation District for details: [www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil\\_and\\_water/swcds.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil_and_water/swcds.shtml)