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The Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program announces a new short course: Forest & Farmland Conservation Strategies

This 6-9 hour course was developed for landowners, county & city planners, natural resource professionals, educators and interested citizens. Forest & Farmland Conservation Strategies will introduce you to a suite of tools which can help you conserve your forest & farmland. You will learn about:

- Forest and farmland loss and fragmentation in Virginia
- Zoning
- Right-to-Farm Laws
- Bargain Sales
- Conservation Easements & Land Trusts
- Purchase/Transfer of Development Rights
- Agricultural & Forestal Districts
- Use Value Taxation

In addition, you will hear from landowners about their own struggles and successes using some of these tools, and receive a course notebook of reference materials. Courses will be offered statewide, beginning in January 2007 (some are listed in this quarter's calendar of events – see page 2, future offerings will be listed on www.cnr.vt.edu/forestupdate). Please contact Jennifer Gagnon jgagnon@vt.edu (540)231-6391 if you are interested in taking Forest & Farmland Conservation Strategies.