



## News Release

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### **Conservation tax incentives workshop offered**

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A nationally known expert on the tax implications of conservation easements will lead a workshop Thursday, September 13, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The "Tax Incentives for Private Land Protection" workshop will be held at the University of Michigan – Flint and will be webcast live to Delta College.

The workshop will be led by Stephen Small, author of "The Federal Tax Law of Conservation Easements" and the series "Preserving Family Lands."

Designed for landowners, tax and real estate attorneys, appraisers, and financial advisers, the workshop will address the new tax incentives for land conservation passed in 2006. The talk will also include changes in estate taxes, IRS rules for appraisals, section 2031(c) "exclusion" and post-mortem easements and succession planning for family lands.

During the lunch session Trey Brice, an attorney with Hafeli Staran Hallahan Christ & Dudek PC, will present information about recent Michigan legislation. He will discuss the elimination of the "pop-up" tax for conserved properties and how the legislation affects landowners who are preserving their land through conservation easements.

Registration includes lunch, workshop materials and a copy of "Preserving Family Lands Book III." Cost is \$65 for nonprofit organizations and \$85 for all others. Continuing Education credits are available for appraisers and accountants for an additional \$25. Registration information and materials can be obtained by calling The Little Forks Conservancy office at 989-835-4886 or online at [www.lta.org/training/lct\\_mw.htm](http://www.lta.org/training/lct_mw.htm). Registration deadline is August 30.

The workshop is presented by the Land Trust Alliance, Lake Huron Alliance and University of Michigan - Flint. Thank you to Ball State University Foundation, Central Indiana Land Trust, Inc., Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, The Little Forks Conservancy, HeadWaters Land Conservancy, Krieg DeVault, LLP, Plante & Moran and Ruth Mott Foundation for their generous contributions to this workshop.

The Lake Huron Alliance is a partnership of land conservancies including The Little Forks Conservancy in Michigan's Lake Huron basin, working together to promote conservation of the region's natural resources, shoreline, open spaces and forests.

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