

Workshops on “Working Lands Initiative”

The “Working Lands Initiative” (WLI) was included in the recently passed state budget and will become effective January 1, 2010. This initiative will revitalize farmland preservation, create a new purchase of development rights program (called PACE), require updated county farmland preservation plans, and more. Every town that has ag land and every ag land owner should become aware of these changes in law. We encourage not only town officers to attend but ask you to invite your town plan commissioners and ag land owners to attend these workshops. The changes in the state budget will affect both local governments and land owners. Now is the time to hear about how this will affect your communities!

Tentative Agenda for each workshop

8:30 to 9:00 a.m. Registration, coffee and rolls

9:00-9:15 Welcome and Training Overview

9:15-11:45 **Planning & Zoning** (Approximately 45 minutes each)

Farmland preservation plan certification

Farmland preservation zoning ordinance certification

Question and answer session

1145-12:45 Lunch

12:45-3:00 **Other Aspects of WLI** (Approximately 30 minutes each)

Update on AEAs and agreements

Update on PACE

Update on soil and water standards

Question and answer session

Locations

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at Antiqua Bay, 655 Frontage Road Wisconsin Dells, Wi.

Wed., Oct. 28, 2009 at Sleep Inn & Conference Center, 5872 33rd Ave., Eau Claire, Wi.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009 at Rib River Ballroom, 33237 St. Hwy 29, Marathon, Wi.

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009 at Holiday Inn, 625 W. Rolling Meadows Dr., Fond du lac, Wi.

Wed., Nov. 4, 2009 at Apple Creek Inn, 3177 French Road, De Pere, Wi.

Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009 at Holiday Inn & Janesville Conference Center, 3100 Wellington Place, Janesville, Wi.

Registration cost will be \$35 per person (includes morning coffee, rolls, milk, and lunch) See next page. Registration should be sent to Wisconsin Towns Association at W7686 County Road MMM, Shawano, Wis. 54166 or faxed to (715) 524-3917. Call our office for more information at (715) 526-3157. Please spread the word on these workshops to your plan commissioners and agriculture land owners in your towns.

2009 WORKING LANDS WORKSHOPS

TOWN OR VILLAGE NAME _____ COUNTY _____

Please indicate the Name and Office of each official being registered to attend:

1. _____ Office: _____
2. _____ Office: _____
3. _____ Office: _____
4. _____ Office: _____
5. _____ Office: _____

FEE: \$35 early registration fee (when payments received 7 days in advance of workshop date)

_____ Number attending x \$35.00 per person = _____ (amount enclosed).

LATE FEE: \$45 late registration and walk-in's.

_____ Number attending x \$45.00 per person = _____ (amount enclosed).

Please mark the location and the number attending that particular site:

- _____ Session 1 – Tuesday, October 27, 2009 @ Wisconsin Dells (Antiqua Bay – Frontage Rd.)
- _____ Session 2 – Wednesday, October 28, 2009 @ Eau Claire (Sleep Inn Conf. Center–33rd Ave.)
- _____ Session 3 – Thursday, October 29, 2009 @ Marathon (Rib River Ballroom – HWY 29)
- _____ Session 4 – Tuesday, November 3, 2009 @ Fond du Lac (Holiday Inn–Rolling Meadows Dr.)
- _____ Session 5 – Wednesday, November 4, 2009 @ De Pere (Apple Creek Inn – French Rd.)
- _____ Session 6 – Thursday, November 5, 2009 @ Janesville (Holiday Inn Express-Wellington Pl.)

Cancellations received by the WTA Office at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled meeting will receive a full refund. Cancellations received later than one (1) week prior to the scheduled meeting will receive a \$15 per person administrative fee deduction from the refund.

Please note address to send refund if necessary _____

REGISTRATION DUE ONE (1) WEEK PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED WORKSHOP.

Mail Registration Form and Fee to: Wisconsin Towns Association, W7686 County Road MMM, Shawano, Wisconsin 54166-6086. For questions call (715) 526-3157.

Please register as soon as possible. We reserve the right to cancel the seminar, and will notify those registered if pre-registration is too low to be feasible.