

According to **John Warner**, our Urban District Forester, families and individuals own two-thirds of Texas' woodlands. More than 60 percent of current forestland owners are age 55 or older and about half of them have already retired.

Without proper estate planning, forced liquidation of family forests or severe disruption on planned forest management activities is a distinct possibility.

So if you or someone you know owns forest land, you'll want to set aside Thursday, February 28 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., to attend an Estate Planning Conference at the City of Conroe Service Center, 401 Sgt. Ed Holcomb Boulevard South, Conroe.

Planning today will leave a legacy for your family and the next generation to enjoy tomorrow. An important component of managing your family forests is planning for the future, today! Experience has shown that by not planning your estate, more complex and detrimental issues will be facing your surviving spouse or heirs. Keeping up with current tax laws can help protect your investment.

The Conference will cover: Estate Planning Fundamentals, Property Gifting Options, Will and Trust Basics, Estate Tax Payment Relief Provision, Family Limited Partnership, Limited Liability Companies, Special Use Valuation for Forest Land, Conservation Easements and Updates on Federal Income Tax on Timber.

To register or for more information, visit:

<http://texasforests.tamu.edu/taxworkshop> or call 936.273.2261.