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Dear Woodland Owner,

It is our pleasure to introduce you to the ***Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Forest Stewardship Initiative***. The purpose of this initiative is to inform and educate woodland owners in the lower CT River and coastal region about forest stewardship, planning and management through various workshops and events being offered during 2012. The woodland resources in the Lower CT River and Coastal Region are important to the environmental health and character of the region and helping to make the stewardship of your woodlands a more rewarding and satisfying task is the priority for these events. The mission of the LCR&CR Forest Stewardship Initiative is to provide you, the woodland owner, with the knowledge to manage your forest land using all the resources that are available to you. The LCR&CR Forest Stewardship Initiative is a collaboration between the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension Forestry Program and the Connecticut River Estuary Planning Agency, and is supported by the US Forest Service, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and CT-DEEP Forestry Division. Thanks also are extended to Regional School District 17 for their cooperation in providing a demonstration site for some events.

Included with this letter you will find a flyer for the Forest Stewardship Planning Short Course, a calendar with descriptions and dates for our upcoming spring workshops, and a brochure detailing the S.W.A.T program; an assistance program designed to aid woodland owners who have an idea for a habitat or forest improvement project they would like to accomplish.

The Forest Stewardship Planning Short Course is a series of classroom and field training seminars spanned over four Monday evenings and two Saturday mornings; (the second Saturday seminar is tentative and may be subject to change). Woodland owners will work on developing a Forest Stewardship Plan for their own property. Pre-registration for the short course is required and space is limited. A registration fee of \$30.00 should be mailed with the accompanying registration form, by ***March 29, 2012.***

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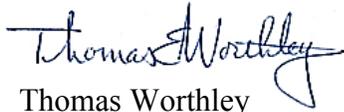
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The spring workshop series is open to the public and free of charge. Planned workshops include presentations and demonstrations on chain saw safety and use; forest stewardship planning for forest stand improvement; small-scale harvesting and portable sawmilling; among others. Registration is not required for these; however, we request that you let us know if there is a workshop you may be planning to attend.

We are looking forward to this busy spring season and hope you will be joining us! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact us; our information can be found on several of the included flyers.

Best Regards,



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