

## REGISTER TODAY

### Forestry Awareness DAYS

*Sign up to receive information on topics, our issue brief session and specific days and times of meetings.*

That isn't a typo! We are currently planning a few DAYS of Forestry Awareness VIRTUAL appointments.

Things might be a little different in how we get the job done, but make no mistake, there is a job we need to do this year!

We need to let all our legislators know our position on a few key pieces of legislation as well as the role of forests and wood products in addressing climate change.

Issues for 2021:

- Extended Producer Responsibility Act
- Freshwater Wetland Legislation
- Stream Protections
- Clean Fuel Standard

We are working on scheduling appointments for **April 20th, 21st and 22nd.**

We will have a legislative review session for all participants at 8:30 am on April 16th.

*Attend one meeting, attend 10, whatever fits your schedule. But the first step is registration!*

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By Friday, April 16th all those registered will be sent a link to pick the various appointments where they will sign up for the visits of their choice .



## State Budget PASSES – A Week Late

A week late, a record level of funding at \$212.2 billion (up \$18 billion from last year), increased taxes on the wealthy and corporations, and extraordinary (one time) federal aid for recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, New York has in place the SFY 22 State Budget. The 10-bill package includes a wide range of policy changes, ranging from offering early retirement incentives for state employees to lowering the age of deer hunting to 12 to withholding funds from local police departments that do not formulate reform plans to address bias and improve community relations.

The state received \$12.6 billion in aid from the latest federal stimulus bill, most of which will be deployed in the 2021-22 fiscal year. Of the \$212 billion overall figure, \$112 billion comes from state funds, an \$8 billion increase from last year. Of the growth, nearly half stems from two primary tax hikes: a 0.75 percentage hike in corporate tax rate and three new income tax brackets for high earners. The highest tax rate for all earners has been 8.82%. Under the budget deal, rates for households earning \$2 million or more annually or individuals making \$1 million would rise to 9.65%; for \$5 million or more, 10.3%; and for \$25 million or more, 10.9%.

To read our full memo, please follow this [link](#).



## Webinars on the Agriculture & Forestry CLCPA Recommendations Information and Registration [HERE](#)



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The Agriculture & Forestry Advisory panel of the CLCPA recently received the draft recommendations for the CLCPA Scoping Plan. Commissioner Ball, Chair of the Advisory Panel, is scheduled to present the recommendations to the full Climate Action Council on [April 12<sup>th</sup>](#). ESFPA, the Adirondack Landowner Association, the New York Forest Owners Association, and the New York Society of American Foresters, are co-sponsoring 3 webinars to present the Forest related recommendations on:

Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm – 8 pm – Forest Management Recommendations – [REGISTER HERE](#)  
Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm – 8 pm – Avoided Conversion Recommendations – [REGISTER HERE](#)  
Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm – 8 pm – Bioeconomy Recommendations – [REGISTER HERE](#)

John Bartow, Bob Malmsheimer, Tom Gerow and Donna Wadsworth who all serve on the Advisory Panel will provide an overview of the recommendations and field questions and take comments on how these recommendations will move forward in the development of the CLCPA Draft Scoping Plan due by January 1, 2022. Draft recommendations which were presented to the Ag. & Forestry Advisory Panel on March 16<sup>nd</sup> can be found [here](#).