

# Working Lands Workshop

Tuesday March 10th, 2009  
8:00 am to 3:00pm

\$15 per person pre-registered, \$25 late registration

## Tools to protect our working lands

Farmlands and forest lands are important community and economic resources. Development, fragmentation, and increasing demands on these lands to produce food, fiber and fuel make it critical that we preserve productive lands for our region's future.

This workshop will bring national and local experts together to help people learn about the growing number of tools communities can use to preserve working lands: special districts and zoning, conservation easements, and purchase of development rights, to name a few.

Information will be shared about the Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, & Consumer Protection's (DATCP's) Working Lands Initiative which proposes an expansion and modernization of farmland preservation strategies.

## Workshop topics

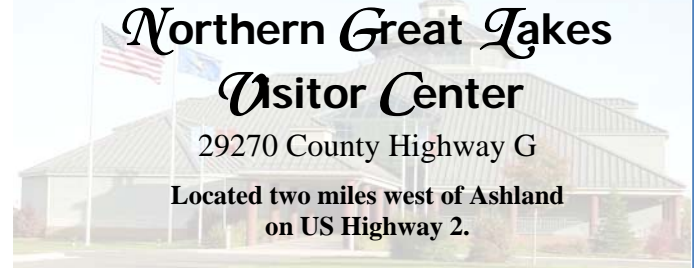
- Importance of farmlands and forestlands in our communities and economies.
- Information about direct threats to these lands, and dynamic pressures being placed on working lands.
- Tools for protecting working lands – old and new.
- Report on DATCP's Working Lands Initiative.
- A survey of local challenges in the northern region.
- Illuminating and inspiring local success stories.
- A brief report on the Bayfield Parcelization Study.
- Options for funding land protection efforts.

## Presenters

**Bob Wagner** is the Senior Director of Farmland Protection Programs at the American Farmland Trust, the country's leading organization addressing farmland protection. Mr Wagner, based in Massachusetts, has made presentations across the country on the importance of farmland and the variety of tools and techniques used by communities to protect farmland resources.

DATCP staff will be on hand to share information about proposals under its Working Lands Initiative.

**Local presenters** will address local news, issues, and challenges – and will share success stories.



## Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center

29270 County Highway G

Located two miles west of Ashland  
on US Highway 2.

## Who should attend

- Elected public officials at all levels
- Zoning, land conservation, and forestry staff
- Members of local Plan Commissions
- County, state, and federal conservationists
- Farmers, growers, and loggers
- Land owners and citizens interested in protecting working lands

## Hosted by

- Agriculture and Energy Resource Center (AERC)
- Alliance for Sustainability
- UW Extension – Ashland and Bayfield Co. & NGLVC
- Bayfield Regional Conservancy

## Resourced by

- Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP)
- American Farmland Trust

## Logistics

- \$15 fee for early registration (by March 6<sup>th</sup>), \$25 for late registrations. Some reduced fee scholarships are available.
- Registration / refreshments at 8:00. Session begins at 8:45.
- Lunch will be provided.
- Exhibits displayed by local organizations and businesses.
- Registrations may be submitted by e-mail or paper mail. A workshop registration form that is both printer-friendly and easily e-mailed can be found at: <http://basineducation.uwex.edu/lakesuperior/workinglands.htm>

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