

## Family Forest Heritage Day, Warren County, April 21, 2005

More than 40 people attended the Family Forest Heritage Day that was held in Warren County on April 21, 2005. Among the attendees, 25 completed forms that evaluated the workshop itself, the results of which are summarized below.

### About the workshop

The information presented at this workshop was understandable.	100%
The presentations were very helpful.	88%
The materials are very helpful.	83%
<i>Very likely</i> to use the information presented.	83%
<i>Somewhat likely</i> to use the information presented.	17%
The workshop length was just right.	96%

There were many positive comments about the utility of specific information, particularly that provided by Rick Hamilton and Graham Boyd on forestry market trends, tax rates, thinning, costs/values for trees, timber harvests and wildlife. It was clear that the respondents were eager to learn more about gypsy moth and beaver management. Those who commented praised all the presentations.

In the evaluation, 71% of respondents indicated that they had heard about the workshop from county agencies and 13% through personal contact. Several also mentioned newspaper information.

### Forest land ownership

Twenty-four of the 25 respondents owned forest land acreage in Warren and neighboring counties, and 22 provided forest acreage amounts. Acreages ranged from 18 to 500 acres, averaging 168 acres (Mean=154 acres). 64% of respondents (N=22) said that they had inherited some or all of their woodland. 77% used their land for hunting and fishing and other recreation.

Twenty-two of the respondents indicated future plans for their woodland – 50% intended to pass this land to their heirs. 23% were going to mix selling land and passing land on to heirs. 65% of 23 respondents had prepared a will saying who would inherit their woodlands.

State foresters had visited 64% of respondents within the past five years and 41% of landowners had hired a consulting forester within these five years. 55% had sold timber from their woodlands over the past 10 years.

### Demographics of respondents:

Age	Average 60 years (Min = 37years, Max = 86 years)
Residence	Warren and neighboring counties
Sex	75% male; 25% female
Level of education	High school: 25%; Technical training: 10%; College degree and higher: 45%.
Race	White/Caucasian: 80%; Black/African American: 20%