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**2024 Fall Forestry Roundtable: Exploring the Future of New York's Forests and Bioeconomy**

The Adirondack Research Consortium and Empire State Forest Products Association are excited to announce the 2024 Fall Forestry Roundtable, a one-day event that will bring together industry experts, policymakers, landowners, and academics to discuss the key issues affecting New York's forests. The roundtable will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at the Northwest Bay Conference Center at SUNY Adirondack in Queensbury, NY.

**Program Highlights:**

**Status and Future of Private Forest Stewardship:** Panelists will explore the challenges and opportunities for New York's privately-owned forests, focusing on conservation and sustainable management.

**Landowner Perspectives on Converting Land to Mature Forest for Carbon Sequestration:** A presentation on the willingness of landowners to convert their land to mature forests, a critical step in New York's climate goals.

**Applied Technology in Forestry and Logging:** A presentation on how innovative technologies are revolutionizing the forestry and logging industries, improving efficiency and sustainability.

**Remarks by Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)** discussing the state's vision for forestry in addressing climate change and environmental sustainability.

**Status and Future of New York's Bioeconomy:** Experts will discuss how New York's bioeconomy can grow to meet new market demands while supporting environmental goals and sustainable forestry practices.

**Forestry's Future in a Changing Climate: Gathering Insights and Solutions for Resilience:** The Adirondack Climate Outreach and Resilience Network (ACORN) will lead a listening and visioning session, engaging participants in identifying shovel-ready solutions to ensure forestry remains a key player in New York's climate strategy.

The 2024 Fall Forestry Roundtable is an invaluable opportunity for stakeholders across the forestry, environmental, and policy sectors to come together and address the most pressing issues facing New York's forests. This year's program is particularly timely, focusing on topics like private forest stewardship, carbon sequestration, and the future of the bioeconomy. By incorporating perspectives from landowners, industry professionals, and leading academics, the Roundtable will not only highlight the challenges ahead but also present practical solutions for ensuring that forestry remains a vibrant and sustainable part of New York's economy and environmental strategy. For more information and registration details, visit [www.adkresearch.org](http://www.adkresearch.org) or contact Dan Fitts at [adkresearchconsortium@gmail.com](mailto:adkresearchconsortium@gmail.com).