



A Commitment to Place

Northeast Regional Policy Summit

The Northeast Regional Policy Summit will be a gathering to exchange ideas and coordinate a Farm Bill policy agenda for our region (twelve states from Maine to West Virginia).

November 9–10, 2006 ❖ BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore, Maryland

The Summit will provide an opportunity to:

- Learn about one another's emerging Farm Bill recommendations and priorities
- Explore areas of common cause and synergy
- Build our Northeast voice in upcoming Farm Bill policy deliberations
- Discuss opportunities and strategies to work together to advance a shared agenda

This conference is for Northeast policy makers, advocates and educators. It is hosted by the Northeast Ag Works! Project and the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group.

Summary Agenda

Thursday, November 9, 2006

- 11:00** Registration
- 12:00** Luncheon with guest speaker: *Regionalism and Regional Solidarity*
- 1:00** Group presentations and discussion: *Key Farm Bill issues, priorities and proposals*
(See registration form for how to prepare)
- 3:15** Synthesis panel: *Toward broad areas of agreement on our core issues and priorities, with group discussion*
- 5:30** Reception followed by dinner
- 8:00** NESAWG member meeting (all welcome)

Friday, November 10, 2006

- 8:30** Panel and discussion: *Setting the stage—goals and strategies; what's going on in D.C. and in the field; actions underway and planned*
- 10:30** Topical break-out sessions: *Strategies and mechanisms for coordinated action*
- 12:00** Luncheon
- 1:00** Advancing our agenda
- 2:30** Adjourn

Registration Early bird registration deadline is September 30, 2006. Final registration deadline is October 20. Please complete and return the Registration Form on reverse side. (There is no online registration.) Registration scholarships are available; see the Registration Form.

Lodging A block of rooms has been reserved at the BWI Airport Marriott for the Summit. A single or double room at the conference rate is \$139 per night. Make your reservation directly at <http://cwp.marriott.com/bwiap/northeastpolicysummit/>. (Special rate expires 10/19.)

If the conference block of rooms is sold out, you may reserve a room at the BWI Airport Marriott at the standard rate, or make a reservation at the nearby Fairfield (410-859-2333—www.marriott.com/bwifa), or Courtyard (410-859-8855—www.courtyard.com/bwica).

The BWI Airport Marriott offers these amenities

Wireless high-speed Internet access in all guest rooms • Indoor pool, whirlpool and fitness center
Business center • Free parking • Free, 10 minute, 24-hour shuttle to and from BWI Airport (see over)
12 minutes from downtown Baltimore; 40 minutes from Washington D.C.

Northeast Ag Work! Project partners are American Farmland Trust, Conservation Law Foundation, Northeast States Association for Agricultural Stewardship, Northeast Midwest Institute and Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group. Visit www.northeastagworks.org.

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Transportation It's easy to get to the Summit!

Air The conference is conveniently located at Baltimore Washington International (BWI) Airport, with many affordable flights (check Southwest Airlines, for example) from throughout the Northeast. From the baggage claim area of BWI, call the free hotel shuttle; it picks up every 15 minutes. NOTE: be sure to call and head for the *BWI Airport Marriott*.

Car Follow these simple driving directions. Parking at the Summit is free.

- From *Baltimore* Route 295 South (Baltimore/Washington Parkway). Take West Nursery Road exit, turn left. Hotel is one mile on left.
- From *Washington D.C.* Route 295 North (Baltimore/Washington Parkway). Take West Nursery Road exit, turn right. Hotel is one mile on left.
- From *I-95* Exit onto I-195 East to Route 295 North (Baltimore/Washington Parkway). Take West Nursery Road exit, turn right. Hotel is one mile on left.

Train Take the Amtrak or the MARC to BWI rail station. Take the quick shuttle bus from the rail station to the airport. From the baggage claim area of BWI, call the free hotel shuttle; it picks up every 15 minutes. NOTE: be sure to call and head for the *BWI Airport Marriott*.

Food All meals, reception and breaks will feature great local food and beverages!!!

For more information Contact Kathy Ruhf at kzruhfv@verizon.net or 413-323-9878.

A Commitment to Place *Northeast Regional Policy Summit* **REGISTRATION FORM**

Name(s)

Organization

Mailing address

Phone/fax E-mail

Registration includes: *two luncheons, one banquet dinner, breakfast, evening reception, breaks and conference materials.*

• Early bird received by Sept. 30th _____ @ \$95.00
for a total of: _____

• NESAWG member received by Sept. 30th _____ @ \$75.00
for a total of: _____

NESAWG member scholarship
Check here and see asterisk below _____

• Registration received by Oct. 20th _____ @ \$120.00
for a total of: _____

Total amount enclosed _____

_____ Dietary or special access requests

Make your voice heard! This summit will help build our Farm Bill agenda from the good work done by groups throughout the Northeast and from input collected at the event.

- a) Please give a presentation on your organization's Farm Bill recommendations and proposals.
- b) Please share your organization's top Farm Bill priority issues (no formal presentation required).
- c) Please report on your organization's current and planned organizing activities.

____ **Yes**, my organization will present a brief (5 minute maximum) summary of our Farm Bill recommendations (Summit organizers will contact you with more details.)

Please make your check out to NESAWG/NESFI (Sorry, credit cards not accepted) and mail to:

NAW! Summit
C/O NESAWG
P.O. Box 608
Belchertown, MA 01007

*NESAWG member scholarships: A limited amount of scholarship support is available. To request scholarship assistance call Kathy at 413-323-9878.