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## **UPSTATE FOREVER TO HOLD CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 30**

### ***Continuing Education Credits Available for Accountants, Attorneys, Financial Planners and Foresters***

One of the most popular and widely used means of protecting natural, scenic, agricultural and historic lands in the United States will be the subject of a conference next week at the Carolina First Center in Greenville. Upstate Forever will host the conference, entitled "Conservation Agreements: The Voluntary Protection of Land," on September 30 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. to explain and discuss conservation agreements with landowners, professional advisors, and concerned citizens.

A conservation agreement, sometimes known as a conservation easement, is essentially a contract between a landowner and an organization like Upstate Forever in which the landowner voluntarily limits some rights to develop the property. By permanently protecting the property, often the landowner becomes eligible for significant tax benefits. However, some federal tax benefits apply only to transactions closed in 2006 - 2009.

Sessions will include a panel of owners, who will explain why they decided to utilize conservation agreements to protect their properties. Continuing education credits will be available for accountants, attorneys, city and regional planners, financial planners, and foresters.

To register for the conference, visit [www.upstateforever.org](http://www.upstateforever.org) or call (864) 250-0500.

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