

On Thursday, April 26, 2018, the Town of Simsbury, the Simsbury Land Trust, the Canton Land Conservation Trust and the Farmington River Watershed Association cordially invite you to attend:

***“THE PLANET, OUR FORESTS, AND CHAMPIONSHIP TREES”***

This regional forum will be held in the Program Room at the Simsbury Library, 725 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT and led by Eric Hammerling, Executive Director of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association. Forum participants are:

- Dr. William Moomaw, Professor Emeritus of International Environmental Policy, The Fletcher School, Tufts University and Founding Director, Center for International Environment and Resource Policy. Dr. Moomaw was lead author of five reports issued by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The IPCC shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. Dr. Moomaw will present data on the dynamic relationship between forests and the earth’s climate with a focus on North America and New England.
- Robert Leverett, co-author of *Sierra Club Guide Book to Ancient Forests of the Northeast* (2004) and recognized expert on old growth forests and large trees in New England. Recently Mr. Leverett re-measured the Pinchot Sycamore and has submitted it for consideration as a National Champion. Mr. Leverett’s stunning photos will showcase our Pinchot Sycamore and some of the amazing trees and old growth forests in the surrounding region.

Check-in and a light supper will be available starting at 6:00 PM to provide time for socializing. Groups are invited to bring maps, handouts and event information. The formal program will begin at 7:00 PM.

This regional forum is a follow up to our last forum held in April 2017 titled “*The Future of Our Forests: Stewarding Our Lands Thoughtfully.*” The forum featured Dr. Ed Faison, Senior Ecologist from Highstead, a regional organization in Redding, CT dedicated to forest research and long term monitoring. Dr. Faison's presentation is available on the Simsbury Town Website:

<https://www.simsbury-ct.gov/open-space-committee/files/forest-stewardship-presentation>

**Questions and RSVPs (by Friday April 20<sup>th</sup>) to Helen Peterson:**

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