

## **GEORGIA CARBON SEQUESTRATION REGISTRY PUBLIC HEARING**

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### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

#### **What Do You Like Most about the Registry and Why?**

- Source of income for tree farmers
- It is recorded at the office of Clerk of Superior Court, and it places a hold on title, and this discourages the potential buyer of the land
  
- Possibility of reduction of carbon gases.
- More clean air space.
- Accountability of involvement.
  
- The registry program appears to be a new way in which Georgia landowners can benefit from continued forest business as well as a way to promote more sustainable land use.
- What will the landowner size limit be?
  
- It encourages conservation and land stewardship and forest management plans.
- Developing quantifiable protocol
- Means of private and public landowners to generate income
- Georgia Forestry Commission and forest resources have developed a method that can be easily implemented by public (not too technical)
- Supports their "conservation" efforts such as green developments, production of biofuels, etc.
- Standards for monitoring - % projects that will be monitored, audited
- Internet based
  
- Forward thinking – will put Georgia landowners at forefront of carbon trading as opportunities arise
- Links forestry with environmental concerns; should help promote forest landowners/forestry as environmentally helping the environment.
- May help lead to the assessment and capturing of other ecological services
- Potential \$ to landowners to help keep working forest in forests

- New markets for landowners will encourage more landowners to grow trees, thus enhancing the environmental, recreational and economic benefits that result from a forested landscape
- I like the fact that Georgia is a leader in something
- Gives an alternative way for possible income or tax breaks/credits to forest landowners.
- Encouraged by the fact that urban forests are being considered for future inclusion. Would require inventories to be conducted which would in turn theoretically lead to better management of urban and community forests.
- Glad to see Georgia involved early in the process.
- Registry will provide means of measuring actual carbon potential and could facilitate new markets.
- Visionary and transparent.
- Will allow Georgia landowners to be on the cutting edge of a developing market which will be a global market.
- This is another value – added product in addition to wood products which can be quantified economically.

### **Are There Aspects of the Registry Do You Disagree With and Why?**

- What drives the \$ value change in the CCX if no trading is occurring?
- Any chance that the European market will trade/purchase credits off of Georgia Registry.
- Understand Transparency and permanence. Please further explain additionally?
- Is there any projected break even point: i.e. – number of acres/cost to cruise and annual report – per \$/ton.
- Are planted pines prior to 1990 eligible for the registry?
- Permanence? Is the agreement for 50 years?
- Recorded at County office of Superior Court?
- Can a landowner apply now for Georgia Carbon Registry?
- Not knowing the cost to the landowner. Is this taxable?



