

# MOHAWK TRAIL WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

## REGIONAL INFORMATION SESSION

**Please join us to learn about an opportunity to increase natural resource-based economic development, sustainable forestry & forest conservation in western Franklin County and northern Berkshire County towns**

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) and the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC), with the assistance of the Franklin Land Trust, are conducting public outreach to explore an opportunity for a new partnership between the towns in western Franklin and northern Berkshire Counties, regional agencies, landowners, local businesses, the State and the U. S. Forest Service to:

- Increase economic development related to the extensive forest resources in the 21-town area (over 280,000 acres of forest)
- Support the expansion of sustainable forestry practices and forest conservation on private lands in the 21-town region

Community meetings were held in 20 towns in 2014 to gain initial input. Based on feedback from these meetings, an Advisory Committee was formed with a representative from each town as well as regional organizations to work on drafting a plan and framework for a potential federal forestry designation in the 21-town region. The Final Draft Plan is now available at <http://frcog.org/program-services/land-use-planning-zoning/> and will be presented at the information session. Please come to learn about the work completed so far and to provide us with your feedback.

**Wednesday, November 18, 2015**

**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Shelburne-Buckland Community Center**

**53 Main Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370**

If you have a scheduling conflict and cannot make this meeting, the Berkshire County Information Session will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Charles H. McCann Technical School, 70 Hodges Cross Road, North Adams, MA 01247

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A Plan for Forest-Based Economic Development and Conservation

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