PRFA’s Annual National Conference on Private Property Rights: October 26

PRESERVING OUR PROPERTY RIGHTS AGAINST “CONSERVATIONISTS”

Keynote Address on Land Trusts by Investigative Reporter Eric Francis Coppolino

Property Rights for the People will be the theme of PRFA’s Seventeenth Annual National Conference on Property Rights on Saturday, October 26. The event will include a hard look at land trusts. Investigative reporter Eric Francis Coppolino will deliver the Keynote Address on his exhaustive research on peculiar title transactions involving land trusts, followed by Virginia farmer Martha Boneta speaking on her first-hand experience fighting to operate a farm while facing obstruction by land trusts acting in concert with local government.

“Land conservancies use a diversity of tactics to seize land, from purchasing someone’s mortgage and foreclosing on them, to buying someone’s land from a co-owner, then filing fraudulent litigation that drags out for years,” said Eric Francis, whose talk Preserving Our Property Rights Against “Conservationists,” will detail nineteen year of litigation by land conservancies against their neighbors in the area of the Mohonk Preserve on the Shawangunk Ridge in Ulster County, New York.

Martha Boneta, who owns Liberty Farm inParis, Virginia, will speak about The Threat to Family Farms from Power-Hungry Local Officials and Well-Funded Land Trusts: One Woman’s Story. Martha’s story has made national and international news. She has appeared on national television, where she’s been featured on Fox & Friends, and has been on several other TV programs, as well as radio programs. A full-time farmer, her passion includes caring for over 180 farm animals, tending to her organic heirloom vegetable crops, apiary, and herb production.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: James S. Burling, Director of Litigation at Pacific Legal Foundation, which has its national headquarters in Sacramento, California, will deliver the Opening Address. He will relate the extraordinary significance of Pacific Legal Foundation’s most recent U.S. Supreme Court victories, including this year’s ruling in Koontz v. St. Johns River Management which expands property owners’ rights to the permit application stage under the Taking Clause, and the unanimous 2012 wetlands ruling in Sackett v. U.S. EPA that property owners have a right to direct judicial review of restrictions imposed on their property.

Many expert and grassroots speakers will make presentations on both urban and rural property rights issues during the full day, which begins with 8:00 a.m. registration, with the conference speakers all day to 5:00 p.m., and includes a light breakfast buffet and the buffet luncheon, with plenty of opportunity to interact. The conference will be held at The Century House, Latham, N.Y., only minutes from the Albany International Airport and a short distance from Interstate I-87.

Space is limited, so reserve early by mail. (Only $35.00. See enclosed form.) For more conference information, contact PRFA: (518) 696-5748, prfa@prfamerica.org, www.prfamerica.org

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