

ARCURI SECURES \$100,000 FOR SUNY-ESF CARBON SEQUESTRATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM

Funding will be Used to Collect Data from NYS Forests to Combat Climate Change

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24) announced today that he secured \$100,000 in congressionally-directed funding (commonly known as earmarks) for SUNY-ESF to develop a software-based carbon accounting and modeling tool that calculates NYS forests' ability to sequester carbon as a measure to prevent climate change.

"Providing funding for this vital research at SUNY-ESF is critical to our environmental future in Upstate New York," **Arcuri said**, "This funding will be used for valuable research and technology that seeks to combat global climate change and utilize our homegrown natural resources to sequester carbon and reduce harmful greenhouse gasses in our atmosphere."

This model will allow the ability of trees to hold carbon-dioxide to be factored into any emissions reduction strategy. It will also enable fact-based forest management decisions related to wood production and carbon sequestration. Additionally, the research will assist forest managers nationwide in their efforts to maximize the sequestration of carbon in a national greenhouse gas emission reduction strategy.

The funds secured by Arcuri are included in the Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce, Justice, and

Science (CJS) Appropriations Bill, which is expected to pass the House of Representatives. The legislation will then proceed to the Senate.

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