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PFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS

The PFA Board met on September 23rd prior to the PFA Annual Meeting in Wilkes Barre. The meeting included a number of important issues and decisions including: 1) Following more than a year of discussion and consideration, and at the request of the PA Tree Farm Committee, the board unanimously agreed to assume the administrative duties of the PA Tree Farm Committee. Versant Strategies, which handles the administrative duties for PFA, will perform the PATFC duties. The executive committee will monitor the developments on a monthly basis during the first year of the new arrangement. A Tree Farm - PFA Transition Planning meeting will be conducted at the PFA Office in Harrisburg on October 18th to work out the financial, computer data base, communications, and other transition details.

At the request of Project Learning Tree leadership, the PFA Board also agreed to handle the duties of Treasurer of the Project Learning Tree Program.

PFA has been invited to have a PFA representative serve on the Growing Greener III Steering Committee and board member, Terry Hoffman, will represent PFA.

The board was informed that the Pennsylvania General Assembly passed, and the Governor signed, legislation to protect family-owned forest reserves by providing some exemptions from certain real estate taxes. More information will be provided in the near future on this important subject.

The board also heard detailed reports from the PFA Treasurer, other PFA officers, and committee and task force chairs regarding the activities of those groups. Budget Committee Chairman, Roy Seifert, requested all committee chairs to submit budget requests for the 2017 budget by mid-October.

PFA ANNUAL MEETING HELD

The 2016 PFA Annual Meeting of Members was held on September 24th at The Woodlands Resort in Wilkes Barre. During the business meeting, the current officers were reelected to a second term along with several board members as follows: President – Gene Odatto, Vice President – Richard Lewis, Secretary – Norm Lacasse, Treasurer – Greg Schrum. Additional members elected to the Board of Directors were: Private Sector – Mark Ott and Jim Walizer; Forest Industry – Renee Carey and Martin Melville; and, Government/Academia – Rachel Reyna, Mike Powell, and Julianne Schieffer

A field trip including a guided tour of an Anthracite Coal Mile and a Community Tree Management Field Tour of urban forestry activities in the city of Scranton was held in the afternoon.





The Annual Banquet and Awards Program included a presentation by Ellen Ferretti, former Secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Jim Kessler of Susquehanna County was recognized as the 2016 PA Tree Farmer of the Year and Robin Wildermuth of Pike County as the PA Free Farm 2016 Inspector of the Year. The Joseph Trimble Rothrock Award, which recognizes an individual, organization or group's significant contributions to the public recognition of the importance of Pennsylvania's forest resources in the same tradition and spirit of Dr. Joseph T. Rothrock, was awarded to the Pennsylvania Forest Stewards and accepted by Dr. James Finley on behalf of the 500 plus volunteers. (See article below)

PA FOREST STEWARDS RECEIVE JOSEPH TRIMBLE ROTHROCK AWARD



Left to right: Leroy Benedict, Dave Twining, Susan Benedict, Barbara Williams, Henry Williams, Nancy Baker, Jim Finley, Linda Finley, Mike Thomas & John Burnham.

The Pennsylvania Forest Stewards Volunteers (the PAFS), serve as a network of trained mentors who have the ability to reach beyond traditional audiences and are trusted guides for Pennsylvania's 740,000 woodland owners who may not know about available professional resources. These 677 knowledgeable Forest Stewards serve as a conduit for information to help other landowners make well-informed decisions about the future of their woods, the future of our woods. This year, as the Pennsylvania Forest Stewards Volunteer Program celebrates its 25th year of delivering the forest stewardship message to that enormous audience, the PFA is pleased to honor them with the 2016 Joseph Trimble Rothrock Award for Forest Conservation. Since the first Rothrock Award was presented in 1949, no other organization has ever been the recipient.

Housed in the Center for Private Forests at Penn State, The PA Forest Stewards is a cooperative effort of the Center for Private Forests, Penn State Extension, the USDA Forest Service, the Pennsylvania DCNR Bureau of Forestry, representatives of the forest products industry and various environmental and conservation organizations. It operates with a steering committee of PaFS volunteers and advisors, with standing subcommittees for strategic planning, benchmarking, and a biennial statewide meeting. Its yearly training of new PAFS is supplemented with advanced in-service updates for all participants, numerous opportunities to participate in outreach and research, access to new extension publications, a bi-monthly newsletter, and the PAFS Endowment. For more than 25 years, the crucial support and unstinting encouragement of Dr. James Craig Finley, Ibberson Professor of Forest Resources and Director of the Penn State Center for Private Forests, for the PAFS program has been inestimable; in addition, the program owes a debt to Dr. Allyson Brownlee Muth, Forest Stewardship Program Associate and

Associate Director of the Center for Private Forests, for her generous and inspired contribution of collaborative technique to the peer-to-peer organization.

In the 2015 biennial PAFS survey, data confirmed that PAFS volunteers actively promote forest stewardship in their communities, donating far beyond their initial 40 hour volunteer commitment. The most recent figures show that just 200 of the volunteers gave 13,852 hours in outreach alone, and reached nearly a half million friends, youth, neighbors, and members of the public. The estimated value of their volunteer time is a significant investment of over \$312,000 for a single year, the equivalent of nearly 7 full time employees.

Part of the phenomenal success of the Pennsylvania Forest Stewards organization can be attributed to its deft use of the varied skills that this diverse group of participants bring to the program: the writer or poet who uses inspiring words and accurate information to reach a reader; the skilled speaker who delivers a powerful stewardship message; the artist, photographer or graphic designer who reveals the beauty and intricacy of ecological connections; a rural sociologist who balances love of community with love of forests; even the financial guru who draws a parallel between prudent investment practices and sustainable forestry practices... plus each and every Pennsylvania Forest Steward who illuminates some small vital detail to family, friend, neighbor or stranger which propels the stewardship of Penn's Woods into a more secure future.

While none of us can be Joseph Trimble Rothrock, each individual Pennsylvania Forest Stewards Volunteer CAN and DOES make a DIFFERENCE, delivering a modern stewardship message that we are sure Rothrock would recognize.

PFA MEMBERS HONORED AT CHESAPEAKE WATERSHED FORUM

PFA members and PA Forest Stewards participated in the program for the 2016 Chesapeake Watershed Forum held recently at the National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV and Hosted by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay. PFA and PAFS members Nancy Baker, Susan Benedict, Tony Boyle, and Monroe Cressley led a workshop on Advocating for Private Forests. PFA members also received high recognition for their conservation leadership. Laura and Mike Jackson, Bedford County, PA received the 2016 Exemplary Forest Steward Award. Dr. James Finley, PSU, was honored with the Forest Champion Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations to all!

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – LLOYD CASEY FUND

In honor of Lloyd Casey's many contributions to forestry, a memorial fund has been established by the Pennsylvania Forestry Association (PFA), the Allegheny Society of American Foresters (ANSAF), and the National Woodland Owners Association (NWOA). The purpose of the Fund is to provide assistance for educational programs for forest landowners, as well as for local government officials, tax consultants, realtors, and other interested individuals on specific topics contributing to sustainable forestry on private forestlands. Interested organizations or agencies are invited to submit proposals for forestry related projects.

CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION:

1. Applicants must address how the project will promote the retention and sustainable management of private forestlands. Although we are open to a broad range of projects, we do have a special interest in Legacy projects. This interest stems from the projected large-scale sale/transfer of forest lands within Pennsylvania over the next 10 years.
2. Available funding: for this initial round of funding, we seek proposals that range from \$500 to \$2,000 dollars. We will accept larger requests if the project advocates can justify a larger grant, but not to exceed \$5,000.
3. Any organization, professional group, or unit of government may apply.
4. Selected projects must be completed within two years of the signing date of the grant agreement.
5. The grant agreement shall address how and when payments will be needed based on the submitted budget and timeline for the project.
6. A final report is required within 60 days of the project completion to describe what was accomplished with the funds.
7. A proposal should address:
 - a. The specific audience and objectives,
 - b. A budget that outlines costs and any projected revenues by all participating organizations or agencies,
 - c. Any matching funds that will be contributed to the project,
 - d. Timeline for implementation,
 - e. Instructors with brief biographies,
 - f. Some method of evaluating success in delivery of the program,
 - g. Contact person for the proposal,
 - h. Any supporting information or documentation.
8. In this initial year of solicitation, we will only consider projects in Pennsylvania.
9. The deadline for proposal submissions for the 2016-2018 period is November 1, 2016. Projects will be evaluated by a panel and applicants will be notified by December 15, 2016.
10. Proposals must reach the administrative office of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association by the close of business on November 1, 2016. The mailing address is:

Pennsylvania Forestry Association
Attn: Walt Peechatka
116 Pine Street, 5th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

UNDERSTANDING URBAN WOOD UTILIZATION OPTIONS – BALTIMORE CO. AG CENTER

The Maryland Forest Service is pleased to partner with the USFS Forest Products Lab to present a live demonstration workshop of recovering, processing and marketing lumber products made from urban and backyard trees and small woodlots. (agenda attached)

Participants will learn about opportunities to recover good wood before it gets to the chip pile. The day includes a mix of straightforward indoor instruction with live demonstrations of sawmill and dry kiln operation.

The program starts at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 12 at the Baltimore Agricultural Center:

Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park
1114 Shawan Road
Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

Registration is easy. Email Daniel.Rider@maryland.gov with names of people planning to attend. Anyone interested is invited. Dan Rider will contact registrants in advance about lunch plans. There is no charge for this event.

UPCOMING DCNR WORKSHOPS

Date of Workshop:	Saturday, October 22, 2016
Workshop Title:	Watershed Education Teacher Workshop
Workshop times:	8:00 AM – 5:15 PM
Workshop Location:	Little Pine State Park, Waterville, PA
Workshop Fee:	\$25.00
# of Act 48 hours offered:	11.75
Targeted grade levels:	6 - 12
To register:	John Kaercher, EES, RA-NRSPLPIN-EE@pa.gov or 570-753-6005

Watershed Education (WE) is an inquiry-based, interdisciplinary curriculum for students in grades 6 -12. Developed by the DCNR Bureau of State Parks, WE helps educators utilize local natural resources as a valuable teaching tool. By blending hands-on classroom and field investigations modeled on professional research methodologies, students participate in data collection and analysis, community networking and partnerships, stewardship and service learning activities. WE promotes in-depth, multi-modal learning and understanding of water resources while encouraging students to examine their watershed holistically. Educators attending this workshop will receive the Bureau of State Parks award-winning *Watershed Education* curriculum and additional resource materials. This is a compressed version of the two-day WE Workshop. It requires 3 hours of pre-workshop assignments (3 additional Act 48 hours provided).

Date of Workshop:	Friday, November 4, 2016
Workshop Title:	PA Land Choices Educator Workshop
Workshop times:	8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Workshop Location:	Kings Gap Environmental Education Center, Carlisle, PA

Workshop Fee: \$10.00
of Act 48 hours offered: 6
Targeted grade levels: 6-12
To register: Call Sarah Berg at (717) 486-3799 or sberg@pa.gov
Registration deadline: October 30, 2016

Pennsylvania Land Choices is an educational curriculum which was developed by the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks as a tool for teachers to educate their students about land use, land conservation and sustainable communities. The lessons provide multi-modal, hands-on activities for students in grades 6-12. From comparing aerial photographs to designing a park, Pennsylvania Land Choices provides inquiry-based activities aligned to current state academic standards. Examples of standards addressed are: Environment & Ecology, Civics & Government and Geography. This workshop is open to both formal educators and anyone who is interested in managing the use land in Pennsylvania. Each participant will receive a PA Land Choices curriculum guide and other resources.

Date of Workshop: Friday, November 4, 2016

Workshop Title: Project Learning Tree (PLT) Teacher Workshop

Workshop times: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Workshop Location: Prince Gallitzin State Park, Patton, Pa

Workshop Fee: \$20.00

of Act 48 hours offered: 6.5

Targeted grade levels: Prek-8

To register: Contact Beth Garner at 814-674-1000 x105 or bgarner@pa.gov.

Registration deadline: October 28

Pennsylvania Learning Tree (PLT) is a hands-on, interdisciplinary environmental education program that helps young people learn how to think, not what to think, about complex environmental issues. All activities are designed to help address state and national standards. PLT provides the tools educators need to bring the environment into their classrooms and their students into the environment. Participants will receive the *PLT Pre K-8 Environmental Education Activity Guide*, other related teaching materials, refreshments, and 6.5 ACT 48 hours. Please bring a lunch and dress to be indoors and outdoors.

Date of Workshop: Saturday, November 5, 2016

Workshop Title: PA Biodiversity Educator Workshop

Workshop times: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Workshop Location: Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC), Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA

Workshop Fee: \$30.00

of Act 48 hours offered: 6

Targeted grade levels: 4-12

To register: **Call John Laskos or Stacey Marendt at (814) 833-7424**

Registration deadline: October 14, 2016

The diversity of life is astounding and important to the health of people and the environment. Yet, biodiversity — and its interconnections with wildlife, culture, economics and the environment — is a current issue seldom addressed. Through the use of resource materials and hands-on activities, session participants will investigate the concepts of biodiversity, explore Pennsylvania's biodiversity at the genetic, species and ecosystem levels, and examine local and global issues relating to biodiversity. Each participant will receive the PA Supplement to the Windows on the Wild Curriculum and other materials.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY:

Grant Opportunity - Nature Works Everywhere

The Nature Conservancy is awarding grants of **up to \$2,000 to install green infrastructure at schools**. A total of 55 grants will be awarded for projects across the country. [Applications are due by 5pm on October 31, 2016.](#)

To learn more about the Nature Works Everywhere grant program, visit <https://www.natureworkseverywhere.org/grants/>

Articles of Interest

Following are articles specific to your interests:

- 10-04-2016 [Next 'Renewable Energy': Burning Forests, if Senators Get Their Way](#)
"The Senate has strongly supported the benefits that biomass utilization can have, including instances in which it is a carbon-neutral source of energy," they wrote in a statement. "Conversations about the amendment are expected to continue among the bill conferees, the... - [New York Times](#)
- 10-03-2016 [Wood energy workshop Oct. 15](#)
HONESDALE — The PA Statewide Wood Energy Team and the Northern Tier Hardwood Association are hosting an "Advanced Wood Energy for Schools, Businesses, and Communities Workshop" at the Park Street Complex in Honesdale, PA on Saturday, October 15th from 8:30 AM-2:30 PM, lunch... - [Honesdale Wayne Independent](#)
- 10-02-2016 [Tracy Ridge is wilderness](#)
I am a disciple of the late Howard Zahniser — primary author of the Wilderness Act of 1964 and a native of the small Allegheny National Forest town of Tionesta, not far from the rare and special Keystone State wildland known as Tracy Ridge. Tracy Ridge, an untrammelled, de facto wilderness, is... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 10-02-2016 [Growth of the Pinchot State Forest defines Northeastern Pennsylvania](#)
In a 10-year span from 2002 to 2012, the Pinchot State Forest didn't just double in size. It did more than triple or even quadruple. During that decade, the size of the Pinchot State Forest, which includes tracts in Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties grew... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)

- 10-02-2016 [**A Curious Plan to Fight Climate Change: Buy Mines, Sell Coal**](#)
 "Everybody knew what to expect in Round 2," Mr. Barrett said. "They would try to sell their best assets and leave their biggest environmental problems behind." Knack for Deals The Natural Bridge is a rocky arch towering 215 feet above a small creek in southwestern Virginia.... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-30-2016 [**PA DCNR Secretary, Others Dedicate French Creek State Park Phase of Big Woods...**](#)
 (Press Release)
- 09-29-2016 [**DCNR: Additional State Forest Roads Opening Across the State for Hunting...**](#)
 (Press Release)
- 09-28-2016 [**Jt. Legislative Conservation Commission Environmental Synopsis for Sept. 2016**](#)
 (Press Release)
- 09-28-2016 [**Emerald ash borer kills millions of trees; Knoebels loses 150 trees to the pest**](#)
 BY LARRY DEKLINSKI The [News-Item](#) larry_d@newsitem.com Millions of trees in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been killed due to an infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer. - [Shamokin News-Item](#)
- 09-27-2016 [**State trying to gain upper hand against spotted lanternfly**](#)
 UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP — An invasive insect continues to creep into new territories. The spotted lanternfly has now been spotted in Upper Macungie, bringing to six the number of townships and boroughs the destructive pest been found in Lehigh County — and 40 municipalities overall in Lehigh, Berks, Bucks,... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 09-26-2016 [**Bureau of Forestry provides funding for rural firefighters**](#)
 September 25, 2016 More than \$604,000 in grants are being awarded to help Pennsylvania's rural communities guard against the threat of fires in forests and other undeveloped areas, said Cindy Adams Dunn, secretary of... more »» - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 09-26-2016 [**How a Small, Family Forest Can Help Save the Planet**](#)
 But so far, small-forest owners, even conservation-minded ones like Ms. Lonquist, have not rushed to embrace market-based carbon storage. Many do not even know it exists, and those who do often find the complexities bewildering. More Reporting on Climate Change... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-26-2016 [**New plan devised for future of state forests**](#)
 HARRISBURG — The development of Pennsylvania's 2.2 million acres of state forests is a 20th century miracle. Starting in the 1898, Pennsylvania began to acquire tracts of logged-over and denuded land for state forestry reservations for cheap prices at tax sales. A team of professional foresters planted seedlings on the... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)

- 09-22-2016 [**Lancaster creates searchable database of trees along streets, parks**](#)
If you've ever pined for information about the city's trees, now you can just log on to your computer. The city has made available a searchable database of some 9,000 trees along streets and in public parks. You can find the map here. Green dots indicate individual trees. Click on one to find what species it... - [*Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*](#)
- 09-21-2016 [**Pennsylvania extends drilling moratorium in its forests for 5 years**](#)
Pennsylvania's five-year forest management plan nixes new oil and gas leasing and drilling in state forests and parks where the state controls subsurface mineral rights, and for the first time addresses climate change impacts. The 234-page plan released last week by the state Department of... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 09-19-2016 [**DCNR: Bureau of Forestry Announces Funding for Rural Firefighters**](#)
(Press Release)
- 09-15-2016 [**DCNR's Bureau of Forestry Announces Reward Increase As Investigation...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 09-14-2016 [**City trees infested by beetle chopped down**](#)
When emerald ash borers began infesting trees throughout the city, the invasive species turned ash trees into potential public safety hazards, as the exotic beetle larvae sapped them of moisture, choking off the trees' ability to feed. The invasion of the city's trees was reported to city council by the... - [*Titusville Herald*](#)
- 09-12-2016 [**PGC: Record Number of Acres Treated With Prescribed Fire**](#)
(Press Release)
- 09-08-2016 [**Future of Pennsylvania's State Forests Outlined in Resource Management Plan**](#) (Press Release)

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