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EPA Chief Calls Pennsylvania's Lagging Bay Cleanup "discouraging"

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy acknowledged recently that Pennsylvania had not done enough to control pollution flowing into the Chesapeake Bay, and said that her agency needed to coordinate with agriculture officials to change the course. Pennsylvania's lack of progress is "discouraging at the very least", McCarthy told hundreds of environmental activists, government officials and foundation (bay) officials attending the Choose Clean Water Coalition conference in Annapolis. "I need to talk to the USDA as well," she added, to applause, "because there is work that needs to be done." EPA officials and the states in the Bay cleanup have known for years that Pennsylvania lagged behind. But a report released last June showed the Keystone State would need to double the number of farm acres under nutrient management and plant seven times as many acres of forest and grass buffers as it did in 2014 to meet its interim reduction targets under the EPA's Total Maximum Daily Load pollution diet. Source – *Bay Journal*, May 27, 2016

PFA Represented on Major Statewide Task Forces

In the last several months PFA has secured seats on several significant task forces focusing on important environmental and conservation related issues. The three working groups include: 1) Governor's Green Ribbon Task Force which focuses on economic aspects of the forest industry, 2) Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control Committees Forestry Advisory Committee, and 3) Riparian Forest Buffers Task Force. With PFA having a seat at the table in these important groups, the PFA voice will be heard by the entire environmental/conservation community.

PFA 2016 Annual Meeting Set

Mark your calendars and reserve the dates of **September 23 & 24** for the PFA Annual Meeting which will be held at the Woodlands Resort, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The upcoming summer issue of *Pennsylvania Forests* magazine will have program information and a registration form. This information will also be posted on the monthly PFA electronic newsletters and on the PFA website.

Highlights of PFA Board Meeting

The PFA Board of Directors met on June 7th in State College. During the five hour meeting, the board received and discussed numerous reports from committees and organizational representatives including:

1. A proposal for the creation of a Keystone Eco- program which would allow people to purchase eco-credits (carbon offsets). Further refinement of the proposal will be undertaken.
2. Approval of a final proposal which creates a program of landowner workshops funded by contributions to the Lloyd Casey Fund. Requests for workshop proposals will be advertised this fall.
3. A detailed report from the Outreach Committee was received and the board authorized the creation of a partnership with the North Central Pennsylvania Conservancy to promote the WITF documentaries on Gifford Pinchot and Mira Lloyd Dock through a series of public meetings. The Committee also reported that outreach efforts continue with the goal of developing closer working relationships with the PA Association of Consulting Foresters and the PA Forest Heritage Association.
4. The Outreach Committee also recommended the development of a Youth Forestry Education Project. Portions of the proposal were approved by the board and will be implemented immediately.
5. A comprehensive report from the Education and Communications Committee was discussed. The board approved a recommendation by the committee that funds be made available to secure technical support for work on the PFA website including security issues.
6. The Annual Meeting Committee provided preliminary details for the 2016 Annual Meeting which will be held on September 23-24 at the Woodlands Resort near Wilkes-Barre. The committee also proposed several options for consideration regarding the need for change in the meeting format and geographic locations for the meetings in 2017 and beyond to improve meeting attendance. The board recommended that the committee conduct a survey of members regarding their preferences for location, timing and format for future annual meetings and report back to the board with their findings.
7. The membership Committee reported that 13 new PFA memberships had been received since January 2016. The Board approved a membership Committee request to develop an on-line membership registration module on the PFA website.

Call for Nominations for Joseph T. Rothrock & Sandy Cochran Awards

As the PFA prepares for its Annual Meeting in September, one of the major features of this event is the granting of the Joseph T. Rothrock Award for forest conservation and the Sandy Cochran Award for excellence in natural resource education. The nomination period is now open and the **deadline for submitting applications for both of these awards is August 1, 2016.**

The **Rothrock Award** 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 who served as the first president of PFA and earned the title "Father of Forestry in Pennsylvania." Nominations are welcome from any interested individual or group and membership in PFA is not a requirement. Nominees for this award are evaluated according to the following three criteria which should be addressed in a letter of application in appropriate detail: 1. Value of contributions to the continued conservation of Pennsylvania's forest resources (60%); 2. Public recognition and stature of the individual in the field of resource conservation (30%); and, 3. Other unique or special considerations which demonstrate a long term commitment to conservation (10%). For more information or to submit a nomination, contact the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, Attention: Rothrock Award Chairman, 116 Pine Street, 5th Fl., Harrisburg, PA 17101 or thepfa@paforestry.org.

The **Cochran Award** honors individuals or programs designing, developing and implementing educational programs focused on the conservation and management of Pennsylvania's natural resources. Nominations are by letter of support and include background information on the nominee, such as would be included in a vita. As well, the nominator should provide information on program focus (e.g., water, forests, recreation, wildlife), principal audiences affected (e.g., adults, students, youth programs, resource professionals), geographic area targeted (e.g., statewide, region, county, school district), and, if possible, behavior or impact changes linked to the program. Each nomination must include three letters of support for the nominee. For additional information, contact the Pennsylvania Forestry Association office or Jim Finley, 332 Forest Resource Building, University Park, PA 16802 or by email at fj4@psu.edu.

Articles of Interest

Following are articles specific to your interests:

- 06-08-2016 [**Greene conservation district to host free CREP workshop**](#)
Greene County Conservation District, with assistance from Washington-Greene Farm Agency and Pheasant Forever, will host a free Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program information workshop and tour. The event will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 25, at Greene County... - [*Washington Observer-Reporter*](#)
- 06-08-2016 [**Hemlock Woolly Adelgid suppression project decision notice signed**](#)
WARREN — Allegheny National Forest Supervisor Sherry Tune has signed a decision notice for the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Suppression Project. The selected alternative will allow both chemical and biological control treatments to manage hemlock woolly adelgid infestations on approximately... - [*Bradford Era*](#)
- 06-07-2016 [**DEP Op-ed: Cleaning the Chesapeake Bay Starts With Improving Local Water...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-07-2016 [**The gutting of rural Pennsylvania**](#)
By Paul W. Heimel, guest columnist How would you feel if somebody moved into your house, sectioned-off half of your rooms and refused to pay rent? Then he welcomed his friends, took over another room or two, and started selling off your furniture. Admittedly, that analogy is a stretch. But it captures the essence of what... - [*Lebanon Daily News*](#)
- 06-06-2016 [**Sturla Unveils Bill For Consumptive Water Usage Fee**](#)
(Around the Capital)
- 06-06-2016 [**Into the wild: Conservation officer traps bear to remove bird feeder from its head**](#)
A female bear recently lost her necklace but got a pair of earrings to replace it. Wildlife Conservation Officer Cory Bentzoni, with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, recently received information about a black bear with a bird feeder stuck on its head. People had trail cam photos and video of the sow... - [*Lehighon Times News*](#)

- 06-05-2016 **[Outdoors with Tom Venesky: Sounding the alarm on amphibians](#)**
Venesky Somewhere within the weedy edge of the little pond a bullfrog bellowed in the night. It was a calming sound, one that's common around every pond and swamp during a warm summer night. In an nearby woodlot, gray treefrogs broke into the nighttime chorus with... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 06-05-2016 **[W&J's arboretum: a living laboratory](#)**
Growing up in Northern Michigan's verdant forests, Dr. Jason Kilgore passed countless hours among the trees. "I would take a tarp, knife and fishing line ... and spend weekends in the woods," said Kilgore. When he came to Washington & Jefferson College in 2008, Kilgore realized... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 06-01-2016 **[Local hiking trail named Pa. Trail of the Year](#)**
Linking two state parks and threading through forest land in three counties, Standing Stone Trail in central Pennsylvania today was honored as Pennsylvania's 2016 Trail of the Year. The trail connects Cowans Gap State Park to Greenwood Furnace State Park. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and other state officials... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
- 06-01-2016 **[PA Parks & Forests @PaPFF](#)**
Mark your calendar with opportunities for the entire family. [https: - via Twitter](https://twitter.com/PaPFF)
- 05-31-2016 **[DCNR Secretary, Others Salute Central Pennsylvania's Standing Stone Trail for...](#)**
(Press Release)
- 05-31-2016 **[DEP News for May 26, 2016](#)**
(Press Release)
- 05-31-2016 **[Outdoors with Tom Venesky: A shell game in nature](#)**
May is all about eggs. Bird eggs. Frog eggs. Fish eggs. You name it, if there's a shell and a yolk, or a yolk sac in the case of fish, it can be found in May. I've been seeing evidence every day. Bits of shell from barn swallow eggs – white with a brown splatter pattern, litter the ground in an old... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 05-30-2016 **[State park, forest offer spectacular sights](#)**
The labor of past generations at Laurel Hill State Park is literally a part of the landscape. - [Somerset Daily](#)

- 05-30-2016 **[Finally, that 'bump in the night'](#)**
"It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when," shared a friend of mine, when I informed him that I had purchased a new home up in the mountains. We had a detailed discussion about the species of backyard wildlife that should be expected to pay a visit to my property, which is located... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 05-23-2016 **[Proposed national park is a multimillion-dollar gift wrapped up in distrust](#)**
EAST MILLINOCKET, Maine —The nearly 88,000 acres were meant to be a gift, donated along with a \$40 million endowment so that part of Maine's pristine North Woods might be protected forever as a national park. But it's not easy to give away a national park; Roxanne Quimby, the... - [Washington Post](#)
- 05-23-2016 **[Logs to Lumber: A lesson in heritage, agriculture and technology](#)**
CURWENSVILLE — Eight years ago, Curwensville Area Jr./Sr. High School wood shop teacher Jaye Bressler and his friend Aaron Rowles thought it would be a good idea to bring in a piece of machinery to show the wood shop students how lumber is made. Because after all, it's much more than just cutting down trees.... - [Clearfield Progress](#)
- 05-22-2016 **[Frye: Regarding license fees, commissions takes aim at lawmakers in middle](#)**
Sell off state game lands? I don't think so. In Harrisburg this past week I sat in on a gathering of House majority policy committee members, where the directors of the Pennsylvania Game and Fish and Boat commissions were explaining why their agencies should have... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-20-2016 **[DRBC: Interested Paddlers Invited to Register for the 2016 Delaware River...](#)**
(Press Release)
- 05-20-2016 **[DCNR, homeowners fight back against gypsy moths](#)**
PLAINS TWP. — Charlotte Hendershot sees the first signs of the gypsy moth from her porch in the Hudson section of Plains. Small caterpillars, about an inch long, occasionally wind their way along her patio. On a neighbor's tree are remnants of an empty egg mass.... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)

- 05-19-2016 [Lawmakers still seeking deal to allow Sunday hunting in Pennsylvania](#)
HARRISBURG — Find a way to make nice. That was the message lawmakers on the Pennsylvania Senate game and fisheries committee delivered to people on both sides of the Sunday hunting issue at a hearing at the Capitol on Wednesday. Forty-six states — perhaps soon to be 48, as Massachusetts and Delaware... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-19-2016 [South Jersey's becoming a tough neighborhood for trees](#)
Extreme weather, compacted soil, and wayward vehicles make it tough to be a tree on the streets of South Jersey. John Gibson, chairman of the Moorestown tree planting and preservation committee, in Memorial Park. Slideshow icon Slideshow South Jersey's becoming a tough neighborhood for trees... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 05-19-2016 [Pa. fighting back against gypsy moth caterpillars](#)
The gypsy moth is having a particularly good year in Pennsylvania. That's particularly bad for trees. "They really like oak," said Dr. Mark Faulkenberry, an entomologist with the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. "Any variety of oak, they really love to eat the leaves. They will eat it down... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 05-18-2016 [Game Commission Offers Support For Sunday Hunting, License-Fee Legislation](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-17-2016 [Scientist says rising temperatures will negatively effect local birds, hemlocks and brook trout](#)
Four bird species found locally may permanently lose their habitat due to rising temperature and changing precipitation patterns, the National Park Service's principal climate-change scientist said during a forum Monday at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.... - [Pocono Record](#)

Mark Your Calendars:

Last Chance to Register for 15th Annual Golf Outing

The Pennsylvania Forest Heritage Association and the PFA will hold its 15th Annual Golf Outing on **June 24 at** the Rich Valley Golf Course in Mechanicsburg, PA. See the attached flyer for details!

Hold the Date for the 2016 PFA Annual Meeting on **September 23 and 24** the Woodlands Resort in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. More details will be available soon.

Questions? Contact the PA Forestry Association at thepfa@paforestry.org or 1-800-835-8065. The PA Forestry Association is located at 116 Pine Street, 5th floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101. The newsletter is produced for the PFA by Versant Strategies.