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EPA WILL DEVELOP ITS OWN BAY GOALS FOR PENNSYLVANIA

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notified Pennsylvania recently that it will be developing Pennsylvania-specific goals for reducing nutrients and sediment in the Pennsylvania portion of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed to help the Commonwealth get back on track to meeting its 2025 TMDL cleanup commitments. (Source – Pennsylvania Environment Digest)

CLEANING THE CHESAPEAKE BAY STARTS WITH IMPROVING WATER QUALITY IN PA

In an Op-Ed recently, Secretaries Redding of Agriculture, Dunn of DCNR and Acting Secretary McDonnell of DEP wrote asking Pennsylvanians to “pause for a moment and consider your nearest stream. Do you know where it goes? Chances are, if you live in one of the 41 counties covering central Pennsylvania, that water finds its way to the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay. The actions we take individually and collectively here in Pennsylvania have a profound influence on water quality in our backyards and in the Bay.”

DCNR UPS REWARD FOR INFORMATION ON THE CAUSE OF 8,000 ACRE POCONO WILDFIRE

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry announced recently it has increased the [reward](#) for information up to \$15,000 in its ongoing investigation of arson earlier this spring that scorched more than 8,000 acres of woodlands on the Monroe-Pike county line. The reward is being offered for information leading to arrests and convictions in what investigators say were two fires intentionally set.

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE REJECTS STATE PARK PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BILL

In its original form, HB 2013 would've set up an advisory board with the power to recommend large-scale development, like resorts and golf courses, in state parks and forests. The amended bill dropped the advisory board provision but still would have established a pilot program within DCNR to inventory current state park assets and to issue recommendations, again on a large scale development in state parks, to the General Assembly.

Proponents argued the measure would bring the Pennsylvania State Park system in line with neighboring states like West Virginia and Maryland that allow large scale development of resorts and golf courses in some of their state parks. Opponents, [including](#) the PA Parks and Forests Foundation and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, worried the bill would lead to the development of large scale resorts, golf courses, water parks, etc., in state parks with a resulting loss of the natural environmental setting where these facilities would be built. Although the Pennsylvania Forestry Association did not take an official position on this bill, many PFA Board Members contacted their elected State Representatives expressing their opposition to the bill. Presented for a vote in the House of Representatives at the end of June, the bill was [defeated](#) by a vote of 123/77. There was a motion for reconsideration of the bill but that motion also failed.

LAST CHANCE TO SUBMIT 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.

AG PROGRESS DAYS

PFA is gearing up for its participation in Ag Progress Days on August 16, 17 & 18 at Rock Springs. If you are interested and/or available to help staff the exhibit, please contact Linda Finley, lfinley@gmail.com, to sign up for a time slot. PFA's exhibit is located in the Joseph D. Harrington Conservation Building at the East end of 5th Street on the site map. If you are interested in joining the government/industry lunch on August 17 in the special events building, sign up [here](#).

PFA 2016 ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER

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.

PA FOREST HERITAGE ASSOCIATION SEEKS DISCOVERY CENTER MUSEUM STAFFING HELP

The PFHA maintains and staffs a very nice Discovery Center - Forestry and Forest Fire Fighting Museum across the main entrance drive from the Caledonia State Park Office building near Fayetteville, PA. The PFHA Board is asking for help from PFA members in staffing the Discovery Center Museum for one (or more?) day(s) in July or August. This is an "easy duty" (1:00 PM to 5:00 PM) volunteer assignment. If you have never staffed the Discovery Center Museum before you will be paired with someone who is experienced. To sign up for a day of volunteer Discovery Center Museum staffing please go to:

- July 2016 <https://doodle.com/poll/ee8xupns9esmimge>
- August-September 2016 <https://doodle.com/poll/3xnamitnshma693>

If you have questions please contact PFHA President Peter Linehan at pel2@psu.edu or (717) 440-4348.

INTERESTING FORESTRY RELATED BLOG

PFA Board member Martin Melville is a "blogger." He describes himself and his work as follows, "I'm a Quaker logger. That in itself appears to make me unique. I also kayak, climb trees professionally and whistle seriously. I enjoy working outdoors. I enjoy hard physical work and the satisfaction of seeing what's been done at the end of the day. Work is a mixture of intellectual, philosophical and contemplative stimulation. I love to write, and hope to share that love with you. I have perspectives that are different because my vantage point, whether up in a tree or under a truck, is different."

Martin's Blog, "Martinstrees" is a mix of short stories, spiritual/theological stuff and forestry education/commentary. An interesting mix of the quirky and the literary. Visit <https://martinstrees.wordpress.com/> to check it out.

STEWARDS OF PENN'S WOODS PROGRAM LAUNCHED

Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation has started a new volunteer program, the Stewards of Penn's Woods, to connect people to places to assist with clean-up and beautification at trail heads, boat launches, islands, vistas and other interesting sites in our state forests. The Stewards of Penn's Woods program kicked off in April with the clean-up of Hammonds Rocks and Buzzards Rocks in the Michaux State Forest. The 38 volunteers collected 80 bags of trash, 18 tires, and other discarded items. Since that day in April, the Stewards, along with many volunteers, have taken on the project of removing the graffiti at Hammonds Rocks, one of 37 "hot spots" of this damaging practice across the state. The graffiti will be removed to bring the area back to its natural beauty for people of all ages to enjoy.



Here is a before and after photo from the first graffiti removal on June 18th. There is still a lot of work to do. The next phase of the graffiti clean-up will be held on July 23 at Hammonds Rocks. People interested in volunteering can sign up [here](#). Monetary donations to help with graffiti removal can be made [here](#).

Articles of Interest

Following are articles specific to your interests:

- 06-30-2016 [**Fireworks prohibited on ANF, state Forestry urges caution**](#)
June 30, 2016 Fireworks are a part of many people's 4th of July celebrations. Thousands gather every year at Betts Park to see the annual display. And, some private citizens put on their own displays. more »» - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 06-30-2016 [**University Park Losing More Elms to Disease**](#)
For more than a century, Penn State's American elm stand was an iconic feature of the University Park campus's physical plant. With the first elms planted in 1896, the number grew to about 300 by the turn of the 21st Century. More than half of those elms have been lost to a combination of Dutch elm... - [State College News](#)
- 06-30-2016 [**Legislature soundly defeats bill to allow more development in Pennsylvania's state parks**](#)
The latest effort to force Pennsylvania's award-winning state parks to consider golf courses, water parks, hotels, conference centers and other private development was defeated Tuesday by Pennsylvania lawmakers. The House defeated the measure by a vote of 123-77. Among the Lancaster... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 06-30-2016 [**ANF sends crews to West Virginia to help with flooding clean-up**](#)
WARREN — Ten employees from the Allegheny National Forest have responded to a request from the Monongahela National Forest to help with clean-up efforts following the recent devastating floods in West Virginia. The Monongahela's Southern Zone experienced extensive road damage from... - [Bradford Era](#)
- 06-29-2016 [**Meet Chesapeake Bay needs**](#)
Pennsylvania's failure to meet its targets to help clean up the Chesapeake Bay might be viewed as other states' problem, in that the bay itself borders Maryland and Virginia. But the Susquehanna River is the largest tributary of the bay and its sprawling watershed covers nearly half of Pennsylvania, including a vast... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 06-29-2016 [**Hidden gem: Located just outside Windber, Gallitzin State Forest often overlooked**](#)
OGLE TOWNSHIP – With 24,000 acres offering 94 miles of trails, camping, hunting, fishing, sightseeing and other activities, the Gallitzin State Forest has something for everyone. Not to be confused with Prince Gallitzin State Park, the Gallitzin State Forest is one of 20 state forest districts across the state and is located... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 06-28-2016 [**DCNR: Five Areas in Pennsylvania State Forest Designated as Wild Areas**](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-27-2016 [**Outdoors with Tom Venesky: The silent swamp**](#)
Venesky From my seat in the canoe I watched in amazement. I was exploring a beaver pond and ventured into the flooded trees, a section the beavers had recently dammed around their lodge. The water was too shallow for even the canoe, but open trails through the floating weeds... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)

- 06-26-2016 [**Cicada researcher departs as insects die off**](#)
The shrill call of cicadas in the trees has been waning, and by July 4, the loudest noises in the air should be fireworks. Kelly Hougland, a doctorate candidate at University of Missouri-Columbia, left Washington June 9 as he wrapped up his research on brood V cicadas... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 06-24-2016 [**Describing sustainable timber harvesting: What do those words mean?**](#)
UNIVERSITY PARK – If you own more than 20 acres of woodlands, you have likely received a letter or postcard soliciting an opportunity to talk about harvesting trees. The letter might refer to a “select” or “selective” harvest, or cutting only trees larger than a certain... - [Somerset Daily](#)
- 06-23-2016 [**DEP News for June 23, 2016**](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-23-2016 [**PDA: Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Expanded, State Continues Progress in...**](#)
(Press Release) (252746)
- 06-23-2016 [**PIOGA: ANF mineral rights legislation passes congressional committee**](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-23-2016 [**In Avalon, residents battle to save beachfront trees**](#)
In the densely forested sand dunes that run along 40 blocks of Avalon's beachfront, a few trees stand apart. Japanese black pines grow taller and faster than their cohabitants in the dunes, and some of them are marked - by an orange ribbon around the trunk - for destruction.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 06-23-2016 [**House to consider bill encouraging private development of water parks, golf courses and more in state parks**](#)
Time has changed what people consider going camping at a state park means. Some no longer take it to mean putting yourself in an outdoor setting and sleeping in a tent or on a sleeping bag out under the stars. Some interpret it to mean driving an RV to a campsite and having the camper serve as a... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 06-23-2016 [**Climate scientists predict more blazing heat, drought, fires and scores of dead trees in the West**](#)
The burning sensation in the southwestern United States was diagnosed by climate scientists more than a year ago. As California broiled in high temperatures and drought last year, academic institutions across the country released study after study that suggested... - [Washington Post](#)
- 06-22-2016 [**Keep PA Beautiful: KAB, UPS Foundation Award \\$10,000 In Community Tree and...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-22-2016 [**Ash borers claiming city trees**](#)
The Shade Tree Commission presented some sad news to tree lovers in the city during a Titusville City Council work session on Tuesday night. The dreaded emerald ash borer has arrived in the city, and has already destroyed a number of trees that will need to be taken down.... - [Titusville Herald](#)

- 06-17-2016 **[Forest Service working to protect 'old growth' hemlocks from pest](#)**
June 17, 2016 In order to fight the hemlock woolly adelgid, the U.S. Forest Service is trying to be proactive, especially when there are trees over 400 years old involved. more »» - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 06-17-2016 **[Wildfire probe continues, reward increased](#)**
Harrisburg, PA –The state Bureau of Forestry today announced an increase in the reward offered in its ongoing investigation of arson earlier this spring that scorched more than 8,000 acres of woodlands on the Monroe-Pike county line. A reward totaling \$15,000 now is being offered by the bureau for... - [Honesdale Wayne Independent](#)
- 06-16-2016 **[Letter to the Editor: Sen. John Yudichak gives boost to area conservation efforts, says club president](#)**
The Nanticoke Conservation Club supports state Sen. John Yudichak. Sen. Yudichak helped to bring millions of dollars back to Northeastern Pennsylvania to reclaim abandoned coal lands, clean polluted streams, and preserve hundreds of acres of pristine forest land.... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 06-15-2016 **[Snapshot: Penn State Arboretum Director Kim Steiner](#)**
Since initial construction of the H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens was completed in 2008, the Arboretum at Penn State has been an ever-changing work in progress, with director Kim Steiner there every step of the way. Before becoming involved with the arboretum, however, he came to Penn State to... - [State College News](#)

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