

*Our History, Our Roots. . .  
At the Turning Point?*



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**Rocky Gap Lodge & Resort**

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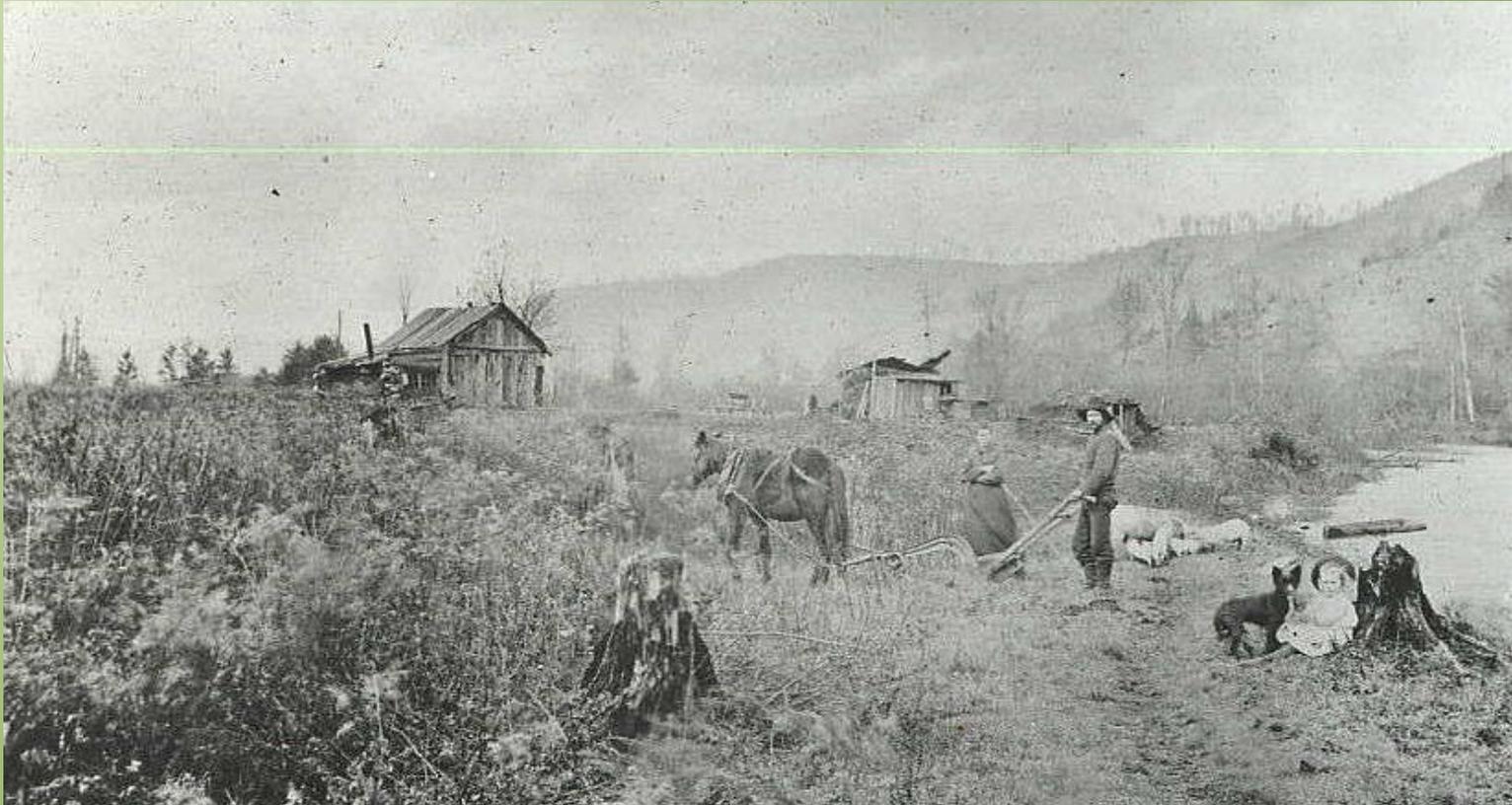
# Five Eras of Forestry



1906-2006



# The Age of Exploitation



# The Custodial Period



# The Sustained-Yield Period



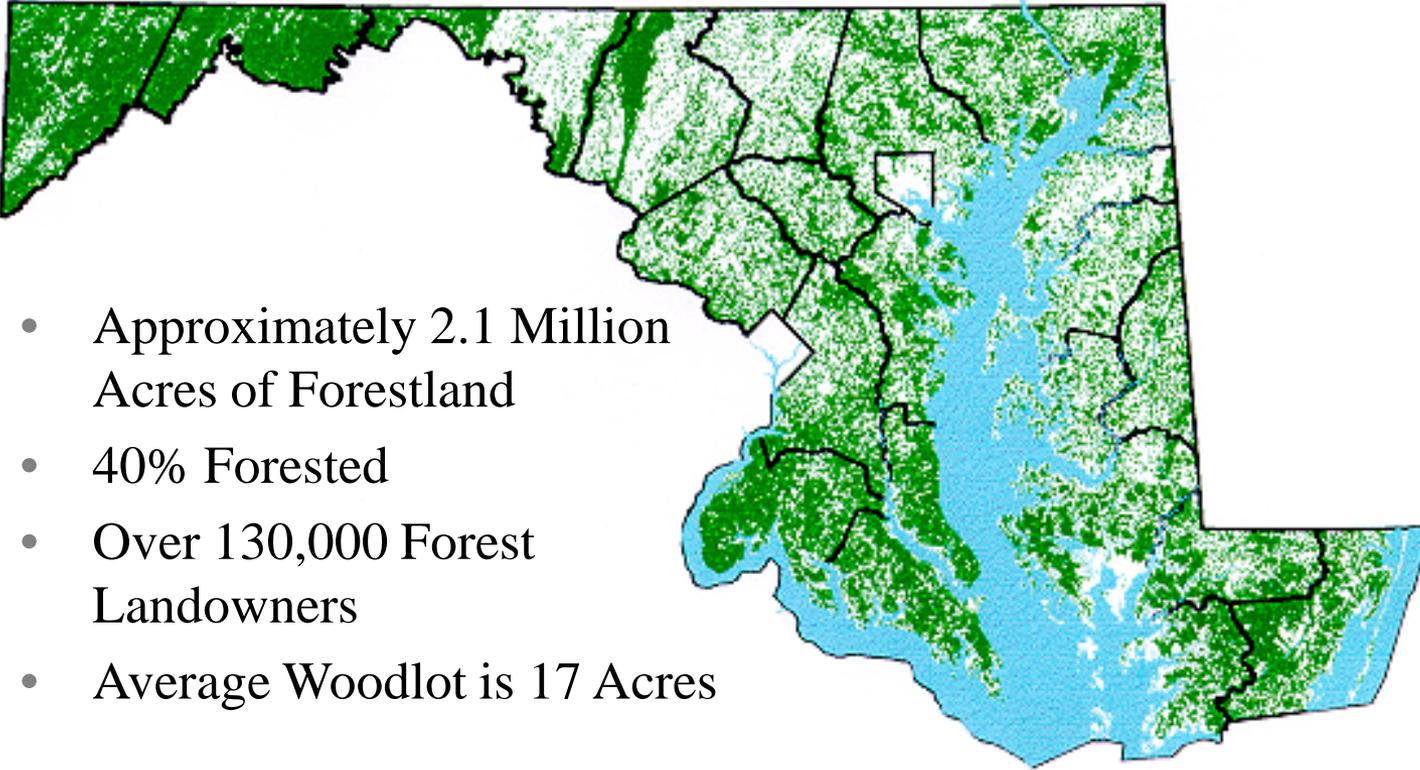
# The Multiple-Use Period



(1970-1990)



# The Forest Sustainability Period



- Approximately 2.1 Million Acres of Forestland
- 40% Forested
- Over 130,000 Forest Landowners
- Average Woodlot is 17 Acres

# Historical Milestones and Legislative Authorities

Maryland State Board of Forestry: 1906-1923

Maryland State Department of Forestry

(under the Regents of the University of Maryland): 1923-1941

Maryland Board of Natural Resources, 1941-1943

Maryland Board of Natural Resources, Forest Conservancy Districts  
Program, 1943-69

Maryland Department of Forests and Parks: 1941-1973

*(Maryland Department of Natural Resources created 1969)*



# Historical Milestones and Legislative Authorities

Maryland Department of Natural Resources:

Forest Conservancy Districts Program, 1969-73  
Forest Service, 1973 –1982

Forest & Park Service, 1982 –1984

Forest, Park & Wildlife Service, 1984 –1991

Forestry Programs, 1991-92

Forest, Wildlife & Fisheries Service 1992-1993

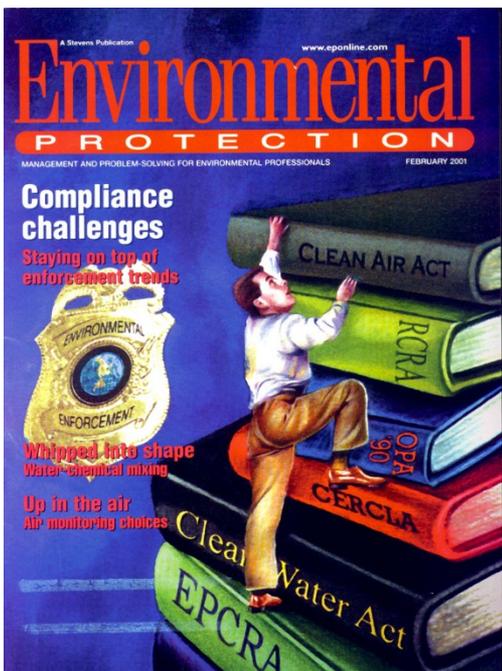
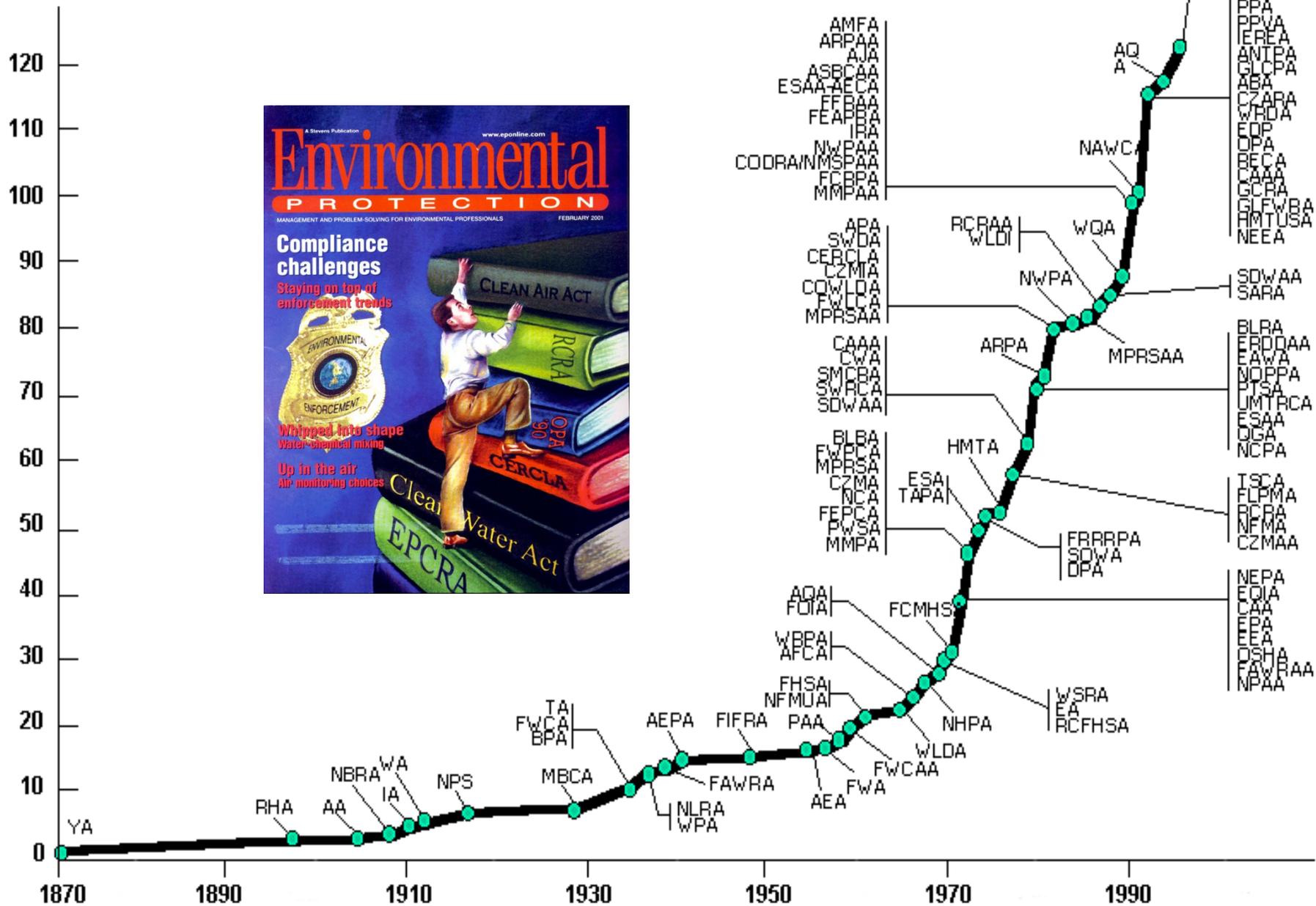
Public Lands & Forestry, Forest Service, 1993-95

Forest Service, 1995

Forest, Wildlife & Heritage Service, Forest Service, 1995-2001

Forest Service 2001 - present





# Historical Milestones and Legislative Authorities



- ***1978 – The Maryland Pine Tree Reforestation Law***
- ***1978 – The Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act***
- ***1978 – Forestry Incentive Program Authorized***
- ***1978 - Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Approved***

Donald E. MacLauchlan 1978 – 1979

# Historical Milestones and Legislative Authorities



- *1981 – Project Learning Tree Comes to Maryland*
- *1981 – 1982 First Large Scale Gypsy Moth Suppression Efforts*
- *1982 – State Forests Transferred to the Park Service*
- *1982 – Forestry BMPs First Adopted*
- *1983- Special Rivers Watershed-based Grant*



Tunis Lyon 1979 – 1983



# Historical Milestones and Legislative Authorities



- ***1984 – Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Law Passed***
- ***1984 - Urban and Community Forestry Law Enacted***
- ***1986 – Woodland Incentive Program Established***
- ***1987 - The Reforestation Law Passed***
- ***1988 – First Statewide Comprehensive Forest Resource Plan***



James B. Roberts 1983 – 1991



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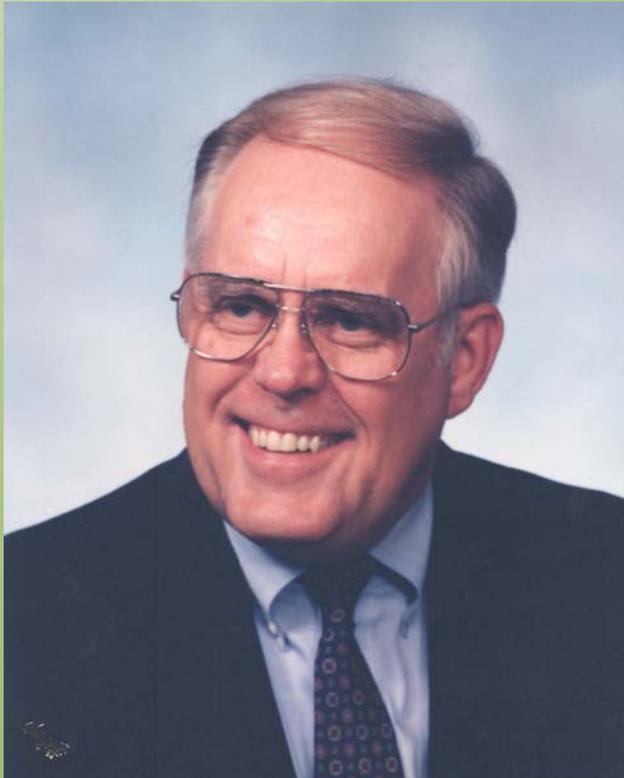


- ***1989 – Creation of Maryland’s Green Shores Program***
- ***1989 – State Forester Roberts Elected NASF President***
- ***1990 - Federal Farm Bill Enacted***
- ***1990 – Governor’s Conference on Trees and Forests***
- ***1991 –Forest Conservation Act Passed***

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# Historical Milestones and Legislative Authorities



- ***1992 – Maryland Community Forestry Council Formally Organized***
- ***1993 - Project Manager Organization Initiated***
- ***1993 – Maryland Master Logger Program Inaugurated***
- ***1994 – Revitalizing Baltimore Project Initiated***



John W. Riley 1991 – 1995



# Historical Milestones and Legislative Authorities



- ***1996- Riparian Forest Buffer Initiative/ Stream ReLeaf***
- ***1996 – State Forest Tree Nursery Relocates, Again***
- ***1997 – First CREP in the Nation***
- ***1998 – Dry Hydrant Bond Bill Passed***

# Historical Milestones and Legislative Authorities



- *2000 - Potomac Watershed Partnership*
- *2000 – 58,000 acre Chesapeake Forest Acquired*
- *2000 – Maryland Forestry Taskforce Published a Report*
- *2000 – University of Maryland Initiates Degree Program in Urban Forestry*



James E. Mallow 1995 – 2001



# Historical Milestones and Legislative Authorities



- ***2001 – Partnership for Sustainable Forestry Created***
- ***2003 – Emerald Ash Borer Found and Eradicated***
- ***2004 - Forest Certification Achieved on Chesapeake Forest***
- ***2004 – EXECUTIVE ORDER: Enhanced Forestry***



Steven W. Koehn 2001 - Present



# Historical Milestones and Legislative Authorities



- ***2004 – EXECUTIVE ORDER: Governor's Commission on Sustainable Forestry***
- ***2005 - Emergency Response Plan for Invasive Forest Pests Adopted***
- ***2005 –State Forests Transfer Back to the Forest Service***
- ***2005 – Annapolis and Baltimore Adopt an UTC Goal***



Steven W. Koehn 2001 - Present

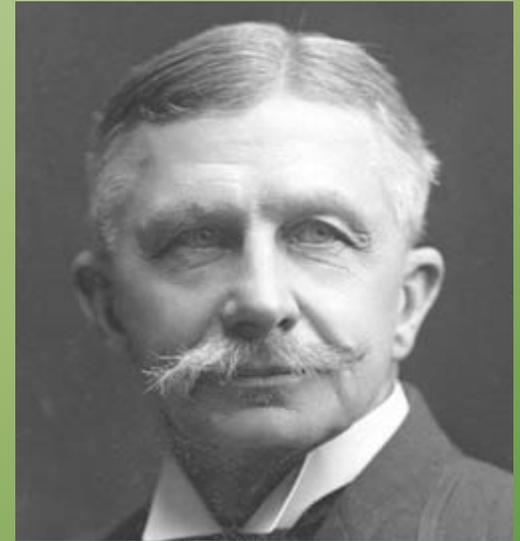


## Dr. Bernhard Fernow :

“It is not the control of the Government over private property, it is not the exercise of eminent domain, it is not police regulations and restrictions that have produced desirable effect upon private forestry abroad . . .

. . . but simply the example of a systematic and successful management of its own forests . . .

. . . and the opportunity offered by the government to the private forest owner of availing himself of the advice and guidance of well-qualified forestry officials.”



**Simply put: “Lead by example – and educate.”**



Perhaps we can rest on our laurels for a while . . .



**Well,  
not so fast...**



# What's Most Important?

#1: Retain or increase the integrity of our nation's forest ecosystems.

- Cure the cancer
- The message: "Love it and Leave it!"
- Advocate for urban quality of life issues.
- Sometimes leaders have to tilt at windmills.
- Do something about forest land taxation.



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#2: Protect our nation's forests from broad-impact damaging agents.

- Genetic quality vs abuse & “pseudo-forestry.”
- Demand effective regulation of interstate shipments of plant material.
- Moderation in all things.



# Our persistent image problem:



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- Moderation in all things.
- Be a positive force.



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#3: Responsibly & effectively manage publicly-owned forest lands.



# What's Most Important?

#4: Motivate & educate owners of forested lands and those who earn a living from them.

- Care of the forest - rights vs responsibilities.
- Forestry is more than just inventory and timber sales.





## Maryland's State & Private Forest Land :

A history to be proud of . . .

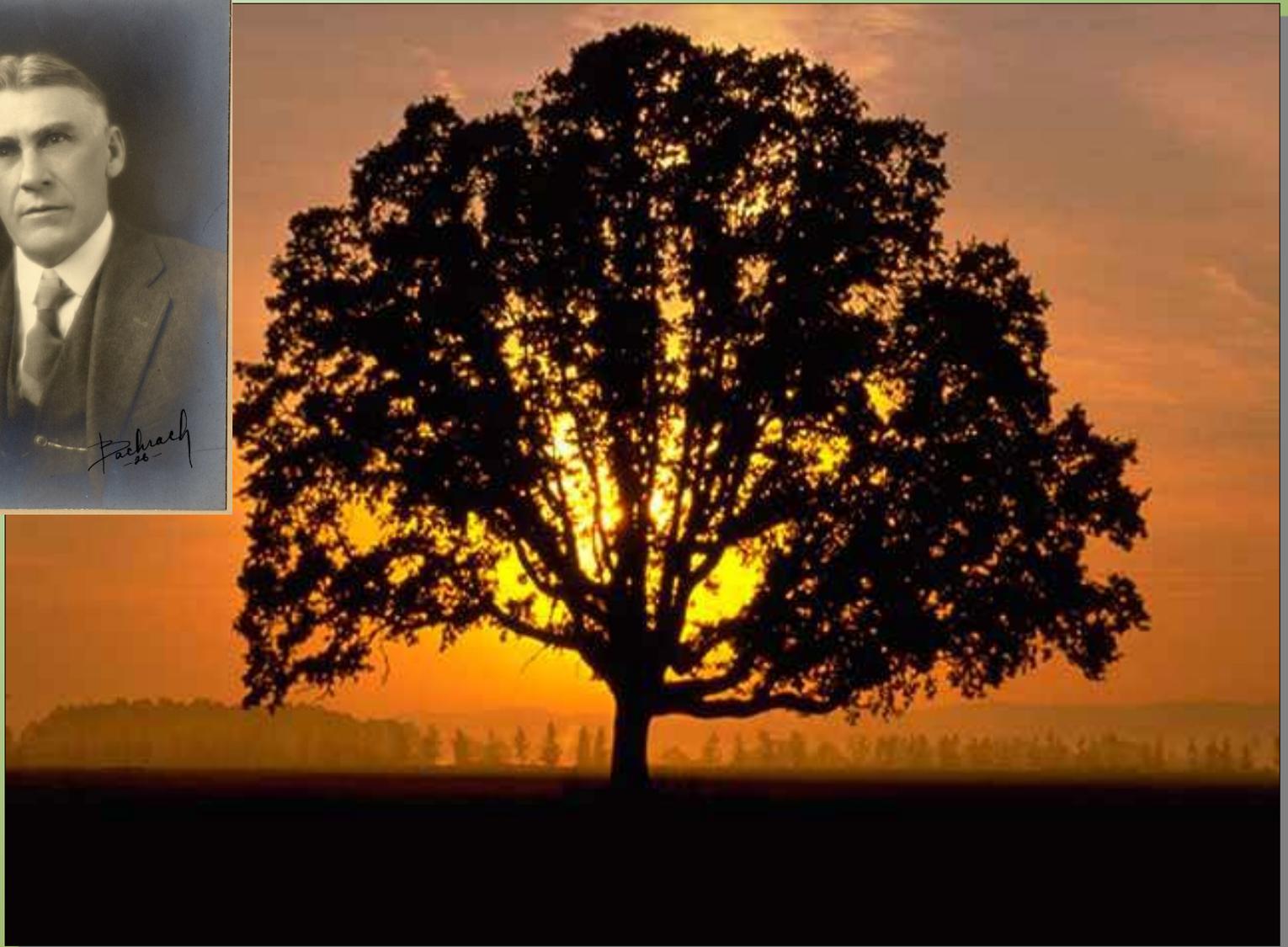
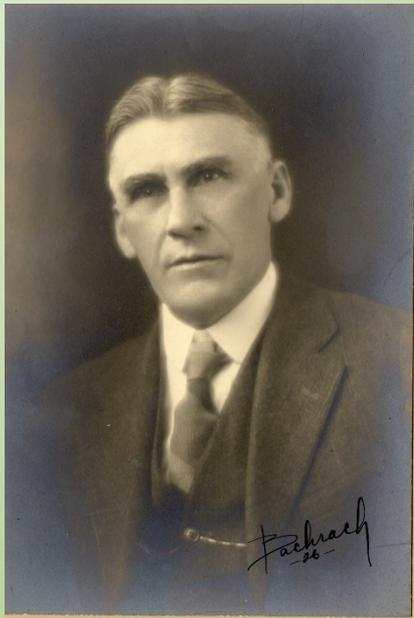
. . . but a future in doubt?

Now is the time to step forward . . .



. . . we owe it to those who are yet to come.





# Maryland Forestry – 100 Years of Conservation

