

**Maryland Sustainable Forestry Council**  
**Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 2:00pm – 4:00 pm**  
**Virtual**

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/goo-cuoa-yma>

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- 2:00 pm**      **State Forester Updates** – Anne Hairston-Strang, State Forester
- 2:15 pm**      **Proposed Legislation Regarding Forestry in the 2026 Session:**
- Tree-Mendous Maryland Program - modification included in the DNR departmental bill that would allow the department to utilize the funds for tree care, promotion, and maintenance in addition to installation – Ashley Triplett-Peltzman, Assoc. Director
  - Food Foraging Program - similar language and intent from last year but with clarification on the definitions of food forests versus designated foraging areas — Ashley Triplett-Peltzman, Assoc. Director
  - Forest Stewardship Act — Gary Allen, President, Maryland Forestry Foundation
- 3:00 pm**      **Updates on new NLEB Guidance from DNR - Natural Heritage Program** – Ashley Triplett-Peltzman, Assoc. Director
- Meeting with NHP where we discussed buffer shape, conservation planning, and possibility of the HCP
  - Planning - meeting with MFA to discuss next steps and private landowner concerns
- 3:10pm**      **Roundtable** – Open Floor
- 4:00pm**      **Adjourn** – Bryan Seipp
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