

Maryland Sustainable Forestry Council
Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 2:00pm – 4:00 pm
Virtual

- 2:00 pm** **Welcome** to members and guests – Bryan Seipp, Interim Chair
- 2:05 pm** **Review and Approve Minutes**
- 2:06 pm** **MFS State Forester Update** – Anne Hairston-Strang, State Forester
- Updates on potential impacts to Maryland Forestry due to federal administrative changes (e.g., USFS, State budget, and beyond)
 - Woodland Incentive Fund (WIF)
 - Forest Buffer and Tree Canopy Outcome
 - Forestry Board Alterations – *JT Bowers, Deputy Director*
- 2:50pm** **Discussion of Relevant Bills**
- **HB530/SB467** Maryland Forestry Foundation Education Fund - Mandatory Fund - Extension – Gary Allen
 - **HB717** - Natural Resources: Public Lands - Acquisition, Staffing, Operations, and Funding – Ashley Triplett-Peltzman
 - **SB946/SB894** – Endangered and Threatened Species: Incidental Taking – Bats – Beth Hill
 - **SB699/HB1224** – Forest Conservation Act: Linear Projects – Alteration – Ashley Triplett-Peltzman
 - **SB399/HB1270** – Natural Resources: Wildland Areas – Overhead Transmission Line – Ashley Triplett-Peltzman
- 3:35pm** **Upcoming Council Meeting dates** – Bryan Seipp
- Summer Council meeting
 - Fall retreat date proposal
- 3:50 pm** **Roundtable** – Open Floor
- 4:00pm** **Adjourn** – Bryan Seipp
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