

Maryland Sustainable Forestry Council
AGENDA
Wednesday, December 6, 2022, 2 – 4 pm

2 pm Welcome - Bryan Seipp, Interim Chair

2:05 pm Review and approval of minutes - Anne Hairston-Strang

2:10 pm DNR Update- Kenneth Jolly, State Forester

2:30 pm Priority project updates – Anne

- Maryland Sustainable Forest Products Risk Assessment and TGCC Wood Branding/ESG progress (RMC-funded grant projects)
- Wood Energy (MCCC Biomass subgroup and 2022 report, outreach tour, project leads, Biomass Supply contract, next Wood Innovation Grant priorities)
- Economic Adjustment Strategy – Commerce and BIL support with MFA
- Frederick Forestry Forum with MFA and Al Goetzl, landowner in Sugarloaf Treasured Landscape Overlay
- Irreplaceable Natural Areas Mapping and Regulations schedule – site list by De 22 and draft regulations open for public comment after Jan. 13, to promulgate in March

2:45 pm Forestry Technical Study overview and discussion

<https://agmr.umd.edu/technical-study-changes-forest-cover-and-tree-canopy-maryland>

- Major Results
- Retention Mitigation Banking issues and information - Kim
- Forest Conservation issues and priorities

3:15 pm Legislative and Transition questions – Gary Allen

3:25 pm Woodland Incentive Fund priorities and outreach – Bryan Seipp

3:35 pm Planning 2023 Meetings - Anne

3:45 pm Member Updates-all

Jason Dubow MDP - Forestry Guidance to Local Governments

4:00 pm Adjourn – Bryan Seipp

WIF expenses: Utilization/Business Retention and Expansion and Stewardship Staff, Master Logger support, forest health practices/cost-share, Economic Adjustment Strategy implementation, volunteer coordination, technical assistance, urban forestry camp, expanding fellowships for urban forestry and traditional knowledge

Discussion on opportunities within the Sustainable Forestry Act and Forest Preservation Act, considering untapped opportunities with the authorizations, including:

- (4) To provide annual **grants to the forest conservancy district boards** 4 to help facilitate their respective outreach efforts to encourage forest landowners to develop forest stewardship and other forest conservation management plans;
- (5) To establish a **forest health emergency contingency program**
- (7) To help fund a **forest marketing and utilization program** in the Department to provide financial assistance to help support, stimulate, and market innovative and creative ways to enhance the production of value-added wood products;
- (8) To help the Department, in cooperation with appropriate public and private sector entities, develop and expand:
 - (i) A **forest mitigation banking system**;
 - (ii) A **carbon credit or carbon sequestration program**;
 - (iii) A **clean water credit trading system**;
 - (iv) An **environmental services credit trading program**; and
 - (v) A **renewable energy credit trading system**; and....