Sustainable Forestry Council Retreat  
May 22-23, Woodmont Lodge  
Hancock, MD

State of Sustainable Forestry in Maryland  
AGENDA

Monday, May 22

10am
STATUS AND TRENDS
  • Maryland Forestry Laws/Programs overview- Don VanHassent, State Forester (MFS)
  • Forest Cover Trends, Conservation Status, Chesapeake Bay tracking- Rob Feldt (MFS)
11-11:15 Break
  • Discussion on priorities and policy needs
12-1 Lunch (provided)

1-3pm  FOREST CONSERVATION in MD
  • Western MD forest plan – Donnelle Keech (The Nature Conservancy)
  • Easement Options – Stacy Schaefer (MD DNR)
  • Crediting Conservation- Greg Evans (VDOF)
  • Discussion- priority actions for MD/SFC
3-3:30 Break

3:30-5 FOREST PRODUCT MARKETS
  • Status of Forest Products Markets, Permitting, Biomass, and Utilization Programs- Dan Rider (MFS)
  • Discussion Panel with Industry Perspective- Needs and Opportunities (Beth Hill, Ken Roberts, Scott Kurtzman)
  • Trade Outlook- Al Goetzl
  • Financing Opportunities- Steve McHenry (MARBIDCO)
  • Priority needs for MD/SFC

5-5:30 Kirk Rodgers Commemoration follow-up
(Have Discussion and Ideas board to capture thoughts for action planning, Day 2)

6PM Dinner
Tuesday, May 23

7:30AM Breakfast

8:30
• Needs for Forest Adaptation Strategies- Suzanne Dorsey (Harry R. Hughes Center for AgroEcology)

9:30am
EXPANDING TREE CANOPY AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY
• Urban Forestry Programs affecting Urban Tree Canopy (including tree planting, FCA and Fee-in-Lieu forest mitigation)- status, opportunities, constraints- Marian Honeczy (MFS)
• Discussion on Priority SFC actions for Community Forestry, and Forest Conservation Act

11-12
EXPANDING FOREST MANAGEMENT- Outreach, Opportunities (15 min. presentations)
• Needs and Opportunities – Craig Highfield, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
• Collaborative Forest Management- Don Outen (SFC Emeritus)
• Woodland Incentive Program funding status- Dan Rider (MFS)
• Discussion on priority SFC actions for Forest Management

12-1 Lunch

1-3:30 ACTION PLAN for SFC and SUSTAINABLE FORESTS in MD
• Review and Prioritize Objectives and Actions
• Outline 5-year plan priorities

3:30-4pm Next Steps