



FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

**Sustainable Forestry Council
November 10, 2020**

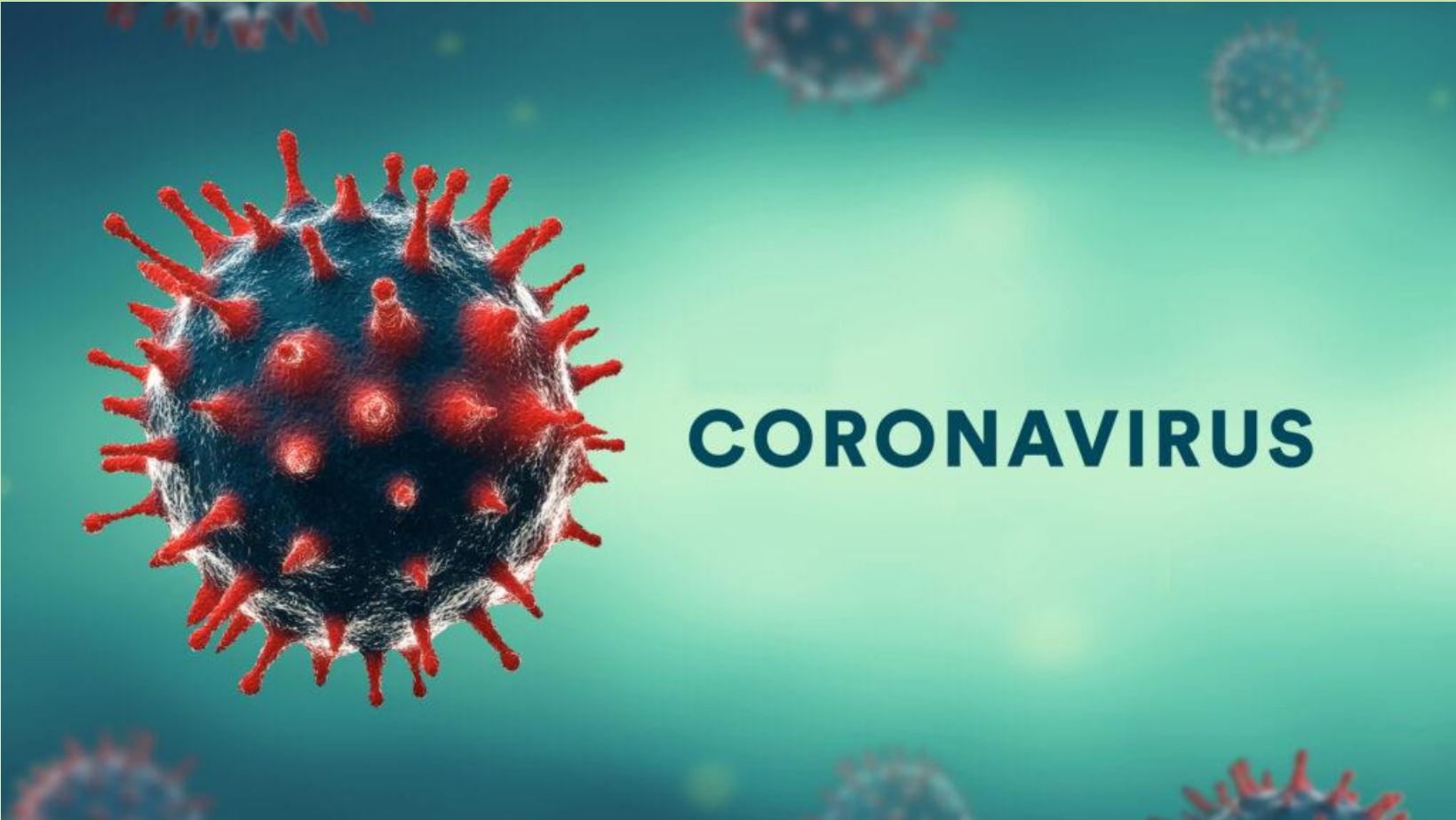
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Topics we'll cover:

- ◆ Budget
- ◆ Personnel
- ◆ SFC Items
- ◆ Operational Highlights





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Budget:

- ◆ **FY21 (Current Fiscal Year)**
- ◆ **FY22 (Next Fiscal Year, starts July 1, 2021, but going through preparation / submission now)**



FY21 Budget Allowance:

- ◆ Increase from \$12.6M to \$17M:
 - ◆ \$3.5M Transfer Tax Repayment
 - ◆ \$355,000 Forest Legacy
 - ◆ \$375,000 ORV Excise Tax



FY21 Budget Allowance:

- ◆ However, no change to FY21 Operational Budget; all funds go to Forest & Park Reserve Acct or are dedicated funds



FY21 Budget Reductions:

- ◆ **\$207,409 Reduction at July 1, 2020 BPW Meeting (6.775% cut to Operational Budget)**



FY21 Budget Reductions:

- ◆ **\$50,000 elimination of the Mel Noland Fellowship Program
(Note: this is currently restored in FY22 Budget)**



FY21 Budget Reductions:

- ◆ One Position eliminated (Forest Technician position in Frederick / Washington Project)



FY21 Budget Reductions:

- ◆ **All vehicle replacement purchases eliminated**



FY21 Budget Reductions:

- ◆ **Hiring Freeze (10% of our authorized positions unable to be filled)**



FY22 Budget Projections:

- ◆ DNR has been directed by DBM to identify GF reductions; potential cuts have identified but not enacted at this time



FY22 Budget Projections:

- ◆ Potential reductions would reduce Reserve Funds significantly, but not anticipated to impact operational budget



Personnel:

- ◆ **Forest Service currently has eight vacancies (2-3 other vacancies anticipated to occur by end of the year)**



Personnel:

◆ Current vacancies are:

- ◆ Director
- ◆ CR Urban Specialist
- ◆ WR Trail Planner
- ◆ HQ GIS Planner
- ◆ HQ LTE / Training
- ◆ ER Project Manager
- ◆ SR Forest Tech
- ◆ CR Forest Tech



Personnel:

- ◆ Exception request forms to fill these vacancies have been submitted, no action at the present time



SFC Items:

- ◆ **Member nominations – will have some nominations to share with you in near future**



SFC Items:

- ◆ **Sediment and Erosion Control**
- currently working with MDE to make some substantial positive changes



Selected Highlights:

- ◆ Tree Planting
- ◆ 508,000 seedlings on 1,030 ac



Selected Highlights:



- ◆ **Forest Stewardship**
- ◆ **Assistance to 1,604 woodland owners on 79,667 acres**
- ◆ **New: 473 Plans, 23,601 ac**
- ◆ **Ongoing: 1,131 on 56,066 ac**



Selected Highlights:

- ◆ Fire
- ◆ Responded to 73 fires on 1,416 acres



Selected Highlights:

- ◆ Interagency
- ◆ 99 Firefighters mobilized to 27 incidents in 12 states



Selected Highlights:

- ◆ 3,450 trees donated to 44 communities in partnership with Clear Ridge Nursery



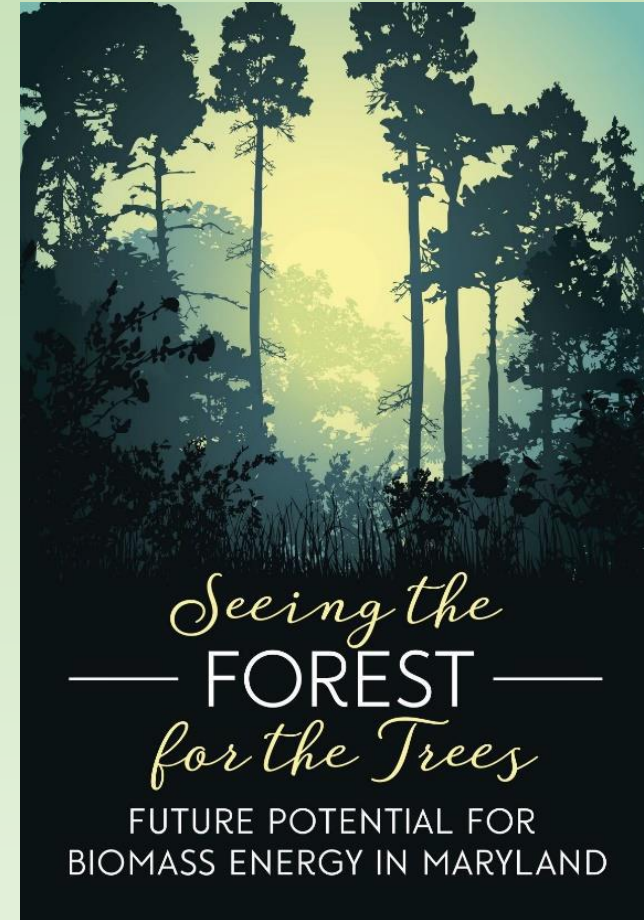
Selected Highlights:

- ◆ 2019 Annual Report



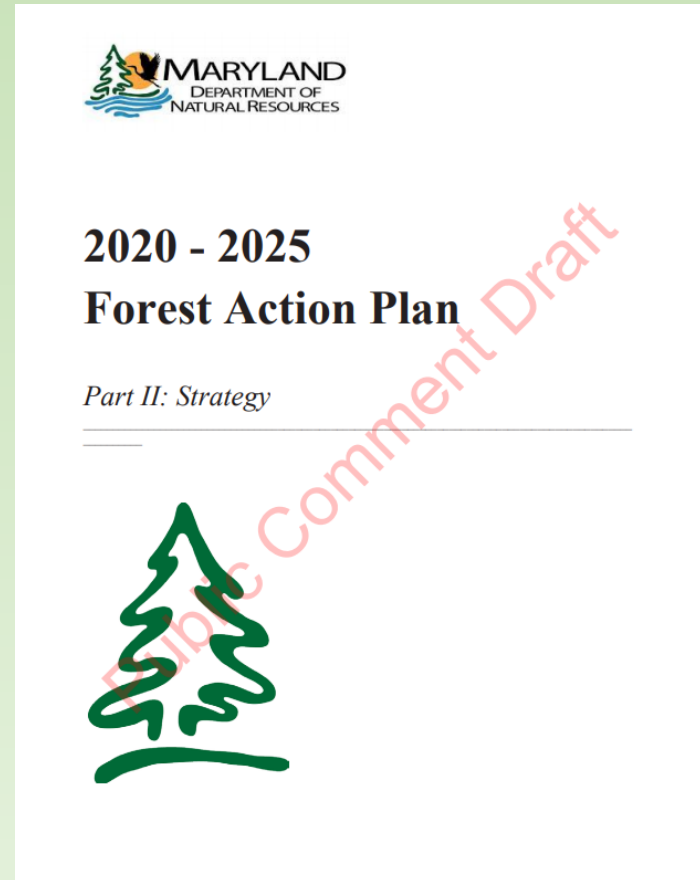
Selected Highlights:

- ◆ Biomass Webinars
- ◆ 173 Attendees



Selected Highlights:

- ◆ **State Forest Action Plan**



Selected Highlights:

- ◆ **BMP
Inspections**



Selected Highlights:

- ◆ State Forests
Dual Certified



Selected Highlights:

- ◆ **Economic Adjustment Strategy**

