

Maryland Sustainable Forestry Council
DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, July 5, 2022, 3 – 5 pm

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- 3 pm Welcome to members and guests- Bryan Seipp, Interim Chair
- 3:05 pm Review and approval of minutes - Anne Hairston-Strang/Iris Allen
- 3:10 pm DNR Update- Anne Hairston-Strang
- Staffing changes, budget summary, federal fund options, Forestry Technical Study updated schedule, Irreplaceable Natural Areas update
 - Suggestions for Forest Stewardship Committee/Forest Legacy meeting
- 3:30 pm 5 Million Trees Update on hiring – Dan Rider
- 3:40 pm Forestry Economic Adjustment Strategy Progress-Dan Rider
See attached summary and potential SFC input
- 4:20 pm Woodland Incentive Fund expansion – Bryan Seipp
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....
- 4:35 pm Fall Meeting Planning - Anne
- 4:45 pm Member Updates-all
- 5:00 pm Adjourn – Bryan Seipp