

Maryland Sustainable Forestry Council
DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 3 – 5 pm

- 3 pm Welcome to members and guests- Bryan Seipp, Interim Chair
- 3:05 pm Review and approval of minutes - Anne Hairston-Strang
- 3:10 pm DNR Update- Anne Hairston-Strang, Acting State Forester
- SAF Convention in Baltimore
 - Staffing changes, budget summary, new federal funding options
 - 5 Million Trees Update
 - Riparian Forest Buffer Strategy update
 - New Trails: Pocomoke Wildlands initiated and Garrett stacked loop ORV trail opened
 - Forestry Technical Study and OpinionWorks forest buffer outreach reports in near final stages but not yet released
- 3:20 pm Tree Equity and 5 Million Trees Staffing/UCF Update – Marian Honeczy
- 3:30 pm Re-Aligning Forest Stewardship – Dan Rider and Gary Allen
- 3:50 pm Forestry Economic Adjustment Strategy Progress, with Woody Biomass outreach, wood supply assessment, and DNR projects, Firewood Kiln Certification status, and Risk Assessment/rescheduled draft review on 10/5 - Dan Rider
- 4:10 pm Woodland Incentive Fund priorities and outreach – Bryan Seipp (Such as: Master Logger support, forest health practices, Utilization and Business Retention and Expansion, Economic Adjustment Strategy implementation, volunteer coordination, technical assistance, urban forestry camp, fellowship for traditional knowledge,...)
- 4:30 pm Forest Permitting issue around MD, and MDP Zoning project – SFC members
- 4:40 pm December Meeting Planning - Anne
- 4:45 pm Member Updates-all
- 5:00 pm Adjourn – 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....