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A message from Joe Hinson, President

Taking Care of Business...

We've all been there. There's the garage, an attic, a workshop, maybe even a kitchen junk drawer, and we look at it, sigh, and think, "I have got to get that cleaned out and organized." And then we put it off. At some point, we reach a level of intolerability where all you can do is roll up your sleeves and get the job done.

MFA is no exception to this element of human behavior. However, in our case, what needs to be organized and cleaned out is a myriad of mailing list memberships, past accounts, and the detritus of years of collecting information without eliminating the irrelevant and then organizing what's left into a more usable format. So, while Beth has been busy making videos, attending meetings, and building new relationships, along with a bit of travel, I've made it my mission to roll up my sleeves and do the housekeeping that's so badly needed.

We are about finished with the process and are sure it will result in streamlining and cost savings in the administration of MFA. Here is what you can expect. First, we're going to go through the newsletter mailing list to clean out those who are no longer with us for one reason or another. For example, some mills on that mailing list are no longer in operation. We'll also be adding individuals and landowners who are not now on the list but are potential candidates for future MFA membership. The result we hope for is

cost savings from illuminating irrelevant entries and additional revenue from new members.

Second, we now have comprehensive mailing lists for loggers, forest products companies, and larger landowners in each county. We'll compare these to prepare a list of those who are not currently MFA members so that we can officially reach out to them next year as potential new members. That will be the large undertaking involving direct mail and will require some investment on MFA's part, but it should pay significant dividends in increased membership.

Finally, we've realized we have been a bit lax about sending out our membership renewal letters and following up on their due's payments. So, we plan to do a much better job of getting our membership renewals out in the first quarter of each calendar year. We have also received requests from a number of our sponsors to mail them an invoice each year equal to their previous year's support (with an option to increase that support). Our membership remains strong, and these actions can only help. We're looking forward to making new friends and working on their behalf to promote forestry in Maryland.

Obviously, this is not glamorous work, but cleaning out the tool shed never is. We're looking forward to working with everyone during the coming year, and for now, just know that we're taking care of business...and working overtime.

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Maryland Forests Association, Inc.



Steve Setliff Appointed General Counsel to the Maryland Forests Association

Setliff Law is pleased to share that Steve Setliff has been appointed General Counsel to the Maryland Forests Association (MFA). The MFA is dedicated to promoting responsible forestry practices and supporting the businesses, landowners, and professionals that make up Maryland's forest products industry.

In this role, Mr. Setliff will advise the Association and its Board on legal matters, review proposed legislation impacting members, contribute legal updates for publication, and offer presentations on topics ranging from employment law and commercial transactions to casualty defense. He will also make himself available to MFA members for legal questions and guidance.

Mr. Setliff currently serves as General Counsel to several industry organizations, including the Virginia Loggers Association, Carolina Loggers Association, Virginia Trucking Association, North Carolina Trucking Association, and Virginia Movers and Warehousemen's Association—a testament to his deep commitment to the industries that keep our economy moving.

The MFA staff and board of directors look forward to collaborating with Mr. Setliff and putting his expertise to work for you!

Help Us Inspire the Next Generation of Forest Stewards and Industry Leaders

As part of the Maryland Forests Association's mission to conserve and enhance Maryland's forests, support sustainable forest resource use, promote economic opportunity for landowners, and maintain a strong local forest products industry, we are proud to partner in a "Bay-Friendly Farm" storefront at the Junior Achievement Perdue-Henson Center in Salisbury.

This interactive storefront introduces students to the many careers and pathways in natural resource industries—including forestry, farming, and conservation. MFA joins the Maryland Forestry Foundation, Horizon Farm Credit, Delmarva Chicken Association, Maryland Grain Producers, and Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts in this collaborative effort to help young people understand how working lands support both the economy and the Chesapeake Bay.

While the storefront contains strong educational displays, the most meaningful impact happens when volunteers are present to talk with students, answer questions, and share their own experiences working in natural resources. Volunteers are needed during scheduled student visit days, which are typically 4–5 hours. The feedback we've heard is that it is rewarding, energizing, and fun—a chance to see firsthand how curiosity sparks into understanding.

If you are interested in helping young people discover careers connected to forests—whether in management, logging, trucking, wildlife, wood products, or land conservation, we encourage you to sign up.

HOW TO VOLUNTEER:

1. Register through the VolunteerHub system (this provides access and reminders).
2. Once you have selected a date to attend, you will have to create an account and check that you are associated with a storefront partner.
3. Next, enter your contact information to register and sign a waiver.
4. You'll receive a confirmation email. Please forward this email to info@mdforests so we can keep track of who has volunteered on behalf of our organization.

BizTown days (5th–6th grade) offer the best opportunity to talk about careers, though Finance Park days (7th grade) are also valuable. Any day you can give is appreciated.

Your time can help open minds, inspire future forestry professionals, and strengthen understanding of the critical role working lands play in our communities and environment.

If you have questions, please reach out—we would be happy to help you get connected.

Together, we are cultivating the next generation who will care for Maryland's forests and keep our local forest economy strong.





Executive Director's Message

Beth Hill, beth@mdforests.org

As we close out another colorful fall in Maryland's forests, I hope you enjoyed a warm and meaningful Thanksgiving. This season always reminds me how fortunate we are for the people, partnerships, and purpose that guide the Maryland Forests Association. To all our members, sponsors, and allies: thank you. Your support makes our work possible and keeps our voice strong.

This fall has been lights, camera, action for MFA. From traveling, to filming, to collaborating with partners across the state, we've been busy creating tools and messages that will help move forestry forward in the year ahead.

Earlier this season, we joined the Maryland Clean Energy Center and the Maryland DNR Forest Service on a trip to New England to visit modern wood-energy facilities. The goal wasn't just education—it was to scope out locations and stories for an upcoming video project that will help explain the benefits of wood energy to elected officials, agency leaders, and facility managers here at home.

We've also been behind the camera ourselves. After more than 20 years, the MD-DE Master Logger, "Advocacy Video" has finally been updated. Working with the University of Maryland Extension and Taylor Robinson, Joe and I helped shape a new message—one that reflects today's realities and celebrates the value of a strong, professional logging workforce. It's a big improvement over the old version, which needed a refresh in both tone and relevance.

And we're excited for what's still to come, including the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy's new video highlighting healthy forest stewardship. It's rewarding to see so many partners embracing the power of storytelling to showcase why working forests matter and that conservation doesn't mean locking up the forest and throwing away the key.

Much of my time is spent building relationships—meeting with leaders, listening, connecting dots, and aligning interests. It's gratifying to see that work paying off. More and more, people are recognizing that sustainable forest management is not only compatible with conservation and climate goals—it is essential to achieving them. My goal remains the same: to help ensure we're all pulling in the same direction to support Maryland's working forests.

As we turn the page toward a new year, I'm optimistic. There is important work ahead—strengthening markets, expanding modern wood energy, supporting rural communities, and championing innovative wood technologies. But with the dedication and passion of this community, I know we'll continue to make meaningful progress.

Thank you again for your support throughout 2025. Wishing you a peaceful holiday season and a bright, productive start to the new year. Oh, and to my fellow hunters—Tis the Season, "Happy Hunting!"

Warm regards,

Beth Hill

Executive Director, Maryland Forests Association



Beth Hill, MFA Executive Director, Joe Hinson, MFA President, and Taylor Robinson, UMD Extension Program Mgmt Spec

Upcoming Events

As of Nov. 17, an updated version of the Maryland Land Records website will be released, along with a new URL:
landrec.msa.maryland.gov

All users will need to create a new account (previous accounts cannot be migrated). For more info visit:
Upcoming Changes to Maryland Land Records Website

MD WHITE-TAIL DEER HUNTING SEASON (FIREARMS)

November 29-December 13

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU ANNUAL CONVENTION & MEETING OF DELEGATES

December 6- 9, 2025

Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay
Cambridge, MD

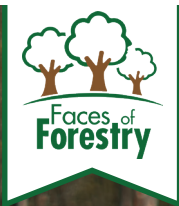
FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES WEBINAR SERIES: HUMAN DIMENSIONS OF FOREST STEWARDSHIP

Wednesday, December 10 – 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM

Free Webinar hosted by Daniel Prstson, Natural Resources Specialist with UMD Extension

MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY 448TH SESSION

January 14- May 13



DID YOU KNOW THAT FOREST MANAGEMENT CAN REPLICATE NATURAL PROCESSES?

Meet Ron Haas, Project Manager for Delaware Wild Lands' Great Cypress Swamp – a.k.a. *The Swamp*. The Swamp is a highly biodiverse landscape of dry uplands and swampy lowlands situated in southern Sussex County (DE) and extending down into Wicomico and Worcester Counties (MD). While much of The Swamp drains to the Delaware Inland Bays, part serves as the headwaters of the Pocomoke River. Ron's connection to The Swamp spans over 40 years; he claims to have walked every square foot of the 10,000 acres (and I'm inclined to believe him).

At first, to Ron, the forest was simply a place to hunt deer. But over time, his perspective shifted. He traded in his rifle for the challenge of a bow and arrow. He listened to the sounds of the forest and learned about how different organisms interact. He volunteered at The Swamp, removing fallen woody debris from roads and picking up litter. Ron found solace in the forest and grew to love its complexity.

Between 1989 and 1991, Ron experienced firsthand the destructiveness of the southern pine beetle epidemic as it swept through the loblolly pine forests of The Swamp. At that time, Delaware Wild Lands took a hands-off approach to land stewardship. He wondered: is there anything that could have been done to protect those forests? Ron dove into researching how management can mitigate damage and promote long-term forest health. In 2001, Ron officially joined the Delaware Wild Lands team. He used his new position to advocate for science-based management of The Swamp to enhance game habitat and diversify the landscape.

Ron's efforts took root, and in 2006, Delaware Wild Lands hired Vision Forestry to develop a timber management plan. The plan, now in its third version, balances Vision's traditional view of timber management with Delaware Wild Lands' ecological objectives. The plan breaks down The Swamp into three management types: reserved, natural, and managed. These areas are intended to overlap and adjust as conditions on the land change.

Reserved is land that will remain untouched, allowed to progress without human intervention.

Natural is land that is managed with the objective of restoring pre-colonial conditions.

Managed is land that is managed with the objective of generating revenue through sustainable timber harvesting.

The *natural* area is where Ron's passion and depth of knowledge really show. His restoration projects are designed to replicate natural processes. Forest edges are thinned out and underplanted to mimic strong wind events that drop trees and open the forest floor to regeneration. Select trees are girdled to emulate lightning strikes, creating cavities for birds and small mammals to nest in. One natural process that Ron has not yet replicated in The Swamp is fire. Our landscape is adapted to periodic fire – we even have species that depend on the disturbance that fire causes. Ron fears that continued absence of fire in The Swamp will create conditions conducive to severe wildfire. He reports that there are sections of forest with fuel that would carry fire into the crowns of trees (scary!). The practice of prescribed burning mimics natural fire in a safe and controlled way; it reduces wildfire risk and promotes regeneration. One of Ron's major goals is to bring fire back to The Swamp.

The shapes of Ron's restoration projects are organic, following the topography and ecology of the landscape. Lowland areas are managed to maintain shade and standing water to protect habitat for reptiles and amphibians. The iconic baldcypress and Atlantic white-cedar trees are a high priority for reforestation. Upland areas are harvested to restore the natural cover type of shrubby oak-pine savannah. Ron studies the land as part of his planning process, taking every feature into account.

Ron's drive to learn may never slow; he joked that his living room is a library. He shared that the most rewarding part of his work is seeing the plants and wildlife thrive in response to his management decisions. He hopes to get more people engaged with the forest, advocating for expanded outreach as a member of the Maryland Forests Association and Delaware Forestry Association. Although Ron's relationship with the forest has changed, he hasn't forgotten that it all began with hunting deer. The Swamp continues to provide quality deer habitat for the private hunt club and research opportunity for deer-focused organizations.

In addition to baldcypress (*Taxodium distichum*) as his favorite wetland tree and sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) as his favorite for saddle hunting, Ron named his overall favorite tree as the white oak (*Quercus alba*). We thank him for showing love to Maryland's state tree!

Upcoming Events

56TH ANNUAL TASTE OF MARYLAND AGRICULTURE

Thursday, Feb 5, 2026

Live! Casino & Hotel at
Arundel Mills

Register: mdagriculturecouncil.com/event-details/2026-taste-of-maryland-agriculture

BURNING FOR BIRDS: A PRESCRIBED FIRE LIVE DEMONSTRATION "LEARN AND BURN" EVENT

Thurs., Feb. 26th, 2026

Piney Grove Estate 7281
Wilkins Lane, Chestertown,
MD 21620

Details at:
eslc.org/event/burning-for-birds-a-prescribed-fire-live-demonstration/

AMERICAN LOGGERS COUNCIL 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

September 28- October 1

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Reenvisioning Maryland's Forestry Boards: Strengthening Our Roots, Branching Out Together

By: Gary Allen, Emma Beck MFF

Maryland has a proud legacy of forest stewardship that stretches back more than 80 years. Across the state, 24 local forestry boards, one for each county and Baltimore City, work directly with citizens, landowners, and partners to maintain healthy and resilient forests. These boards, originally known as Forest Conservancy District Boards (FCDBs), were created by the Maryland General Assembly in 1943 to promote responsible forest management on private lands. Ever since, volunteers have led the way in planting trees, restoring habitats, and caring for our natural resources. This is essential work that supports Maryland's clean water, wildlife, and climate goals.

In spring 2025, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources-Forest Service (DNR), in collaboration with the Maryland Forestry Foundation (MFF), announced an exciting change: Maryland's county-based FCDB system will transition to a regional district forestry board structure. This new approach keeps our local boards strong and active while connecting them more efficiently across regions. The goal? To help volunteers and partners coordinate efforts, share resources, and achieve a broader statewide impact without losing the local touch that makes Maryland's forestry program so unique. The transition to Regional Forest Conservancy District Boards is expected in Spring 2026.

Forests don't stop at county lines, and neither do the challenges and opportunities that come with them. Issues such as forest health, workforce development, urban tree canopy growth, and ecological benefits, such as water quality and climate resilience, are inherently regional in nature. The transition to regional organization will enable productive coordination across shared landscapes and watersheds, thereby improving interconnectedness and effectiveness. This includes communication and efficiency among volunteers, MFF, and DNR, as well as the alignment of local projects with statewide initiatives such as the [Maryland Forest Action Plan](#). Additionally, it involves strengthening community engagement while ensuring that local efforts are supported statewide.

Under the new structure, each of the four regional forestry boards includes several counties:

- Western: Garrett, Allegany, Washington, and Frederick
- Southern: Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's
- Central: Carroll, Montgomery, Howard, Baltimore, Baltimore City, Harford, and Cecil

- Eastern: Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester

The chair of each county board, appointed by the State Forester, serves as that county's representative at the regional level. Some regions will also include an at-large member to ensure strong and continuous leadership. Since the Regional Board members will be appointed, they will still have to file State Ethics forms annually.

At the local level, county boards will continue to do what they do best – educating residents, planting trees, managing local projects, and supporting community engagement. Members who only serve at the county level will no longer need to file State Ethics forms.

At the regional level, county representatives will work with MFF and DNR partners to:

- Share knowledge and best practices
- Set shared goals and priorities
- Coordinate funding and technical support
- Connect local efforts to statewide forest, ecological service, and climate initiatives

The Regional Boards will sign off on Timber Harvest Plans; however, input from the County Board can be sought. A digital/ email process will be developed to ensure a timely review process.

Maryland's forestry boards are growing stronger than ever. County boards remain the roots, deeply connected to their communities. Regional boards form the canopy, linking local efforts across counties to achieve greater impact and planning. Together, they create a living network that embodies the best of Maryland: collaboration, conservation, and a strong sense of community spirit.

As Maryland continues to lead in sustainable forestry and climate action, our dedicated and innovative forestry volunteers, supported by the DNR and MFF, will continue to grow the partnerships and programs that make our state greener, healthier, and more resilient for generations to come.

Are you passionate about stewardship and want to make a positive impact both locally and statewide? Consider joining your county's forestry board. Visit www.marylandforestryfoundation.org/forestry-boards/forestry-boards/ to learn more and view a contact list.

The Dick Stanfield Scholarship

The Dick Stanfield Scholarship provides \$500 cash awards each year to support the college education of MFA members, Edrich Lumber employees, and their children. Applicants must submit a short essay and proof of college enrollment.

Established in 2012 by the Maryland Forests Association, the scholarship honors Dick Stanfield, who was instrumental in founding MFA in 1976. Mr. Stanfield was a respected leader in Maryland's forest products industry and served as President of Edrich Lumber, where he expanded the business into one of the region's largest producers and recyclers of wood products. MFA is proud to keep his legacy alive by helping deserving students pursue higher education.

2025 Scholarship Recipients

The MFA Board of Directors is proud to announce Emma Merritt and Bailey Luther as recipients of the 2025 Dick Stanfield Scholarship.



Emma Merritt is a student member of MFA and a recent graduate of Virginia Tech, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation. Her internship with the Maryland DNR Forest Service strengthened her passion for sustainable forest management. Emma began her Master of Science in Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia's Warnell School in June 2025 and will be featured in an upcoming MFA "Faces of Forestry" spotlight.



Bailey Luther, daughter of dedicated MFA member Mindy Hooper, is a recent graduate of Laurel High School and will attend Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, to major in Forensic Science. With a strong love of math and science, Bailey hopes to use her skills to help others and bring justice to crime victims, making the world a better place.

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MFA continues to accept donations to grow the scholarship's endowment.

Contributions may be mailed to:
Dick Stanfield Memorial Scholarship
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- ✓ Turn crop and/or pastureland next to streams or floodplains into a valuable asset!



Apply now! Contact your local soil conservation district or visit bit.ly/MDA_Buffer for more info.





2026 DOE HARVEST CHALLENGE: January 9-11, 2026

Help control the deer population while entering to win \$1000! *No Entry Fee!*

For each doe or antlerless deer (whitetail or sika) harvested, hunters will receive a ticket, and the duplicate ticket will be placed in a drawing. There will be at least twelve (12) tickets drawn (3 from each County) for \$1000 each on Monday night, January 12, 2026.

**** Youth category will continue this year for a special prize! ****

Designated check-in stations will be open January 9-11, 2026, from 9:00 am – 11:00 am and 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

DORCHESTER COUNTY

East New Market Volunteer Fire Dept.
4020 ENM Bypass East New Market, MD
The Duck Stop Butcher Shop
2025 Hudson Rd. Cambridge, MD

WICOMICO COUNTY

Longhorn Butcher Shop
5296 Morris Rd. Pittsville, MD
Cosguay Farms
7890 Rockawalkin Rd, Hebron, MD

SOMERSET COUNTY

Winks Sporting Goods
12122 Carol Lane #A Princess Anne, MD
Wright's Butcher Shop
26920 Siloam Rd. Salisbury, MD

WORCESTER COUNTY

Newark Station-Sunoco Gas Station
7167 Worcester Highway Newark, MD
Arthur's Shooters Supply
7234 Old OC Rd Berlin, MD

RULES OF THE DOE HARVEST CHALLENGE:

- Hunters must abide by all Maryland Game Laws; tag and register deer with DNR.
- Deer must be harvested in Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties ONLY during the last firearms dates of the 2025-2026 Maryland Whitetail Deer Season.
- Hunters do not have to be present for the ticket drawing Monday night to win.

**** Does or antlerless deer may be donated to the Maryland Food Bank for no processing fee; however, they must be field dressed. ****

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Your Membership Matters!

The Maryland Forests Association relies on the support of our members and sponsors to fund our organization and allow us to be the voice for Maryland forestry. **Please help make 2025 another successful year for membership!**

We are counting on you to renew your membership and ask that you invite your friends, family and colleagues to join us as a collective voice for Maryland forestry. Last year, your contributions helped us boost our scholarship, career camp, and general funds. Help us exceed our 2025 goals and consider a contribution in addition to your membership renewal.

We are working harder than ever to serve you better and represent Maryland's forestry industry. We cannot do this work without your support. Please look out for membership renewal letters and you can also renew online at mdforests.org. Thank you!



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- Loggers/Haulers \$250
- Sawmill/Primary & Secondary Wood Product Manufactures – \$350

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Over the last 35 years, ESLC has conserved more than 21,700 acres of forest on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. This acreage is protected through conservation easements—voluntary legal agreements between individual landowners and ESLC, that permanently protect a property’s wildlife habitat, forests, wetlands, and farmland, while permitting certain uses like agriculture, hunting, and responsible forestry.

Since the late 1990’s, many ESLC conservation easements with substantial forests on-site have also adopted forest stewardship plans. While most terms of a conservation easement detail what shouldn’t be done on a property (like commercial development or destruction of existing habitat), a forest stewardship plan requirement is a rare instance in which landowners plan out what activities they should do to protect the property (like thinning trees to improve wildlife habitat, increasing forested buffers along waterways, or reforesting fallow fields). As ESLC’s Easement Stewardship Manager Michael Ports explains, “Land conservation is not a passive process. Proper stewardship often involves management through intentional disturbances that promote forest health. By requiring landowners to work on a plan for their property with the help of a licensed or state forester, we are empowering the experts in our field to uphold and enhance the conservation values of protected lands through their informed recommendations.”

Forest stewardship plans became even more popular in the early 2000’s when ESLC began utilizing Maryland’s Program Open Space funding to protect farms and forests through the Rural Legacy Program. ESLC continues to advocate for Program Open Space today, recognizing it as an essential state-wide source of conservation funding for forests of all shapes and sizes, for parks, playgrounds, and trails, for wildlife habitat, and for hundreds of Maryland farms growing everything from soybeans to loblolly pines.

Although ESLC and other land trusts continue to protect more forests every year, tens of thousands of acres of forest are lost to other uses every year in our state. Conservation of our existing forest is essential. “These woodlands provide clean air, clean water, and biodiversity,” commented ESLC President and CEO Steve Kline. “When managed responsibly, they also provide our region with essential economic benefits.”

In early 2026, ESLC looks forward to releasing a short and engaging conservation explainer video, filmed with the Braker Brothers, that focuses on healthy forest stewardship on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The film includes interviews with ESLC CEO & President Steve Kline, Maryland Forests Association Executive Director Beth Hill, and Rick Abend, the tree farmer and owner of Abend Hafen, a Dorchester County tree farm protected with an ESLC conservation easement since 1992. Viewers get a behind-the-scenes look at beautiful Abend Hafen Farm in the fall and travel to an active timber harvest in Linkwood with local logger, Jack Mills.



Continued funding for Program Open Space remains a top priority for MFA. We advocate for sustained investment to ensure that, as our motto states, we have working “Forests Forever.”

The video will also be shown in July 2026 during ESLC and Plein Air Easton’s 2026 Invitational “Forever the Forest.” For this year’s competition, award-winning plein air artists are capturing autumn landscapes of Eastern Shore woodlands that ESLC has conserved forever through perpetual conservation easements.

To stay updated on ESLC’s new video, the 2026 “Forever the Forest” plein air show, and ESLC’s forest conservation work, please subscribe to ESLC’s biweekly newsletter at www.eslc.org/subscribe.

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