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A message from Joe Hinson, President

The Sounds of Summer Silence

No one will ever accuse me of being an environmental alarmist. Global warming? Bring it on!

I hate shoveling snow, and the thought of alligators in the Potomac River just kind of tickles me, to tell the truth.

Besides, I've spent much of my career in the cause of cutting down trees and turning them into square, flat things.

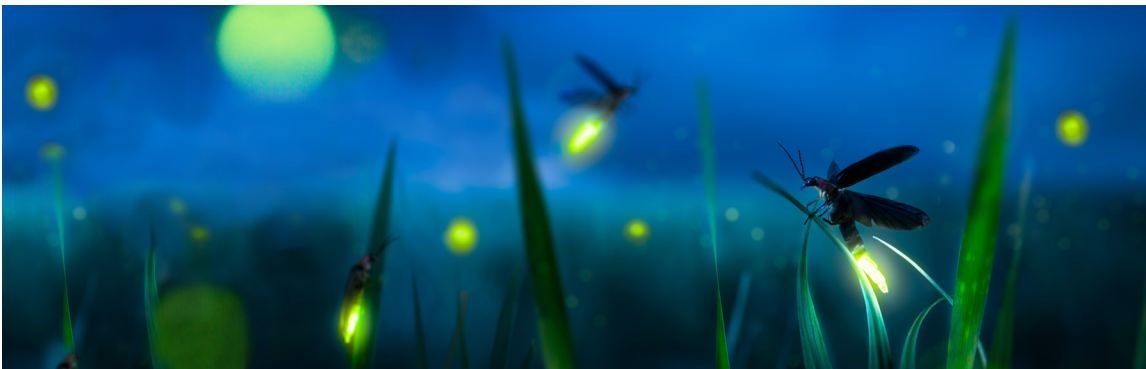
No way I'm ever making the Sierra Club "Hall of Fame", if there is such a thing.

There is one thing that does keep me awake at night or, maybe more accurately, fails to keep me awake at night—the sound of summertime bugs. They're gone. The Eastern Shore, with a humid climate, lots of fields, marshes, and woods, ought to be bug heaven. But what used to be a nightly cacophony of chirps, buzzes, and screeches, all accompanied by a flying light show, has flat disappeared. While those across the Bay enjoyed millions of cicadas via the raucous class reunion of 2004, here I've yet to hear from even one of the

resident cicadas that we've always been able to count on.

To be fair, I've suspected a massive bug decline has been creeping up on us for some time now. I mean, when's the last time you had to routinely clean the bugs off your windshield when you filled up? I remember back in the mid-1970's, my last tour of duty on the Shore, we would see waves of lightening bugs rising from the fields and ditchlines. Now, if I see a dozen all night in our backyard woods which borders a marsh, I feel lucky.

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2021 MARYLAND LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

Preserving for a Purpose

Tuesday, July 13 &
Wednesday, July 14

Ripken Stadium, 873
Long Drive, Aberdeen,
MD 21001

Connect, Conserve, Collaborate. Join us for an indoor/outdoor conference featuring keynote speakers, luncheon programs, lightning round, an evening reception and an array of sessions hosted by distinguished leaders in land conservation. The Day 2 Summit will feature a session on How to Lobby, hot topics with County Council Chairs and preservation planning with your local government officials.

The club level at Ripken Stadium, home of the single-A affiliate Aberdeen IronBirds, is airy and spacious and provides the ability to pipe speaker presentations outside.

Our very own Beth Hill will be participating on the panel for "How to Effectively Lobby for Conservation at the Local and State Level" on Day 2 of the conference.

For more information about the conference visit:
forevermaryland.org/learn/#conferences

Maryland Big Tree Program Background

The Big Tree Program originated in Maryland in 1925, went national in 1940, and is run by American Forests, www.americanforests.org. Each state has a State Coordinator who collects data, measures trees, and biannually submits certain trees to American Forests as potential National Champions.

In Maryland, the DNR Forest Service handled the program until 2007 when budget cuts forced them to transfer responsibility to the Maryland State Association of Forest Conservancy District Boards, a volunteer group. The Cecil Forestry Board handles the day-to-day operation for the State, and I serve as State Coordinator. We are funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service for Urban and Community Programming, and partially by grants from the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

There are many reasons why the program started and continues to this day. First, it serves to reward those owners who care for their big trees. About 90% of our registered trees are "backyard trees", as opposed to forest-grown trees. Trees grown in back yards tend to have less competition and receive more nutrients and water from the owners (lawn fertilizers often benefit the trees more than the lawn). Each big tree owner receives a certificate, a thank you letter, and a list of the trees of that species registered in Maryland. Second, the program provides a reference for scientific studies. From time to time I am contacted by researchers who are studying a particular species and need to know where the big examples are located. Third, the program provides a record over time of changes to species distribution. Thirty years ago one would not find examples of Southern magnolias and crape myrtles in northern Maryland; today they are very common. The program helps to document these changes. Finally the program provides locations of rare and unusual species for those who wish to improve their knowledge and identification skills.

Trees are the cheapest and perhaps the most effective way now available to remove pollutants from the air and nitrogen and phosphorus from non-point pollution sources before they enter the Chesapeake Bay. While it is important to promote the planting of trees to reduce Bay pollution, it is also important to encourage the protection of "backyard" trees, as they are a critical component of our efforts to clean our air and water. In addition the cooling effect of large shade trees in summer should not be minimized as we consider ways to reduce our energy consumption. Citizens who plant, maintain and protect "backyard" trees should be recognized and thanked for their efforts. As volunteers with the Maryland Big Tree Program, we are happy to do so. Contact us at mdbigtreeprogram@aol.com.



MEA visited with a landowners in Caroline County to devise a plan for a future timber harvest and interpretive trail that will focus on highlighting this large Yellow Poplar Tree that is being retained known as the "Witness Tree". More details to come...



Executive Director's Message

Beth Hill, beth@mdforests.org

I'm staying busy...

The Delmarva Lumber ribbon-cutting ceremony was a huge success! We had over 100 people show up to share in the celebration. Our lineup of speakers did a fantastic job of conveying the economic and environmental benefits that the reopening of the mill will provide. It was a very touching moment when Jeannie Haddaway -Riccio, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, and Kelly Schulz, Secretary of the Department of Commerce, recognized the new owner, Ezra Rickards, with a Governor's Citation. Thank you to all of the members that came out to show their support!

The Forever Maryland 2021 Maryland Land Conservation Conference is coming up in a few weeks. I was flattered to be asked to participate on a panel of speakers to discuss "How to Effectively Lobby for Conservation at the State and Local Level." Although I'm not a registered lobbyist, and MFA's lobbying efforts are minimal as a 501(c)(3), it appears that my efforts to educate and advocate for sustainable forestry are being heard. Part of lobbying is being able to tell the story of your client effectively. My background and experience enable me to do that, but keep in mind that I'm here for you! Please keep me apprised of any current issues that you are facing. As with anything, communication is key!

I'm excited to announce that we have contracted with Candra Burns, Talking Forests, to host 5 "Faces of Forestry" podcasts between now and the end of the year. Candra is a social media guru with a large following. She has helped many forestry groups get more engaged. The hashtag **#forestproud** is an in-kind sponsor of her productions, so she always asks guests- What Makes you Forest Proud? I'd like to hear your answers to that question...send me your thoughts.

And finally, 4 Regional Meetings are planned! Phil Gottwals with ACDS and his team will be featured at all meetings presenting the findings of the Economic Adjustment Strategy. The agendas for each region vary slightly, so be sure to check them out online at www.mdforests.org/regionalmeetings2021. Registration is required. Hope to see you there!

Stay cool and have a great summer,
Beth



Maryland's Forests: Great for the Environment and the Economy

From the hardwoods of the mountains to the pines of the Eastern Shore, Maryland's forests are as diverse as the uses we have for them, such as timber production, clean water, wildlife, recreation, and scenic beauty.

Southern MD | August 5, 12:00-3:30p.m.
Wisner Hall at Kings Landing Park
3255 Kings Landing Road Huntingtown, MD

Western MD | August 27, 9:00a.m.- 12:00p.m.
Rocky Gap Casino Resort
16701 Lakeview Rd NE, Flintstone, MD

Central MD | September 9, 12:00-3:00p.m.
Edrich Lumber Pavilion
9512 Old Court Rd, Windsor Mill, MD

Eastern Shore MD | September 16, 12:00-3:00p.m.
Blackwater Refuge Environmental Ed Building
2145 Key Wallace Dr, Cambridge, MD

Learn more about the regional meetings and register at: www.mdforests.org/regionalmeetings2021



Join us for the 2021 Regional Meetings hosted by Maryland Forests Association and the Maryland Tree Farm System. Hear from industry experts about the state of Maryland forestry, market opportunities, and how conservation and utilization are equally important elements of sustainable forestry.

Events are FREE, registration is required

Upcoming Events

**2021 MARYLAND
LAND CONSERVATION
CONFERENCE**
July 13-14

More information at:
<https://forevermaryland.org/2021-conference>

**J. MILLARD TAWES CRAB
& CLAM BAKE**
July 21, 2021

**LEAD MARYLAND
FELLOWSHIP CLASS
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June 1-Oct. 1

Applications for the next LEAD Maryland Fellowship Program cohort, Class XII, will be accepted June 1 through October 1, 2021, for class participation in 2022-23.

Email Susan Harrison
leadmd@umd.edu

MARYLAND STATE FAIR
August 26-Sept. 6, 2021

**2021 NHLA ANNUAL
CONVENTION & EXHIBIT
SHOWCASE**
September 22-24

More info at: https://www.nhla.com/convention_2021/register/

**MARYLAND FARM
BUREAU CONVENTION**
December 2021



IN MEMORIAM Dr. Sarah Taylor-Rogers

MFA is saddened to announce the passing of Dr. Sarah Taylor-Rogers, former Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary, and longtime member and supporter of our organization. She was a leader and champion of environmental stewardship in Maryland.

Our thoughts go to her family during this difficult time. Funeral services are private. A celebration of Sarah's life will occur at a later time. In lieu of flowers, The family has requested that memorial contributions be sent to The Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, 124 Wye Narrows Drive, Queenstown, Maryland 21658.

Maryland Receives Funding to Develop Wood Energy Projects

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Maryland Forest Service has been awarded nearly \$250,000 for a Wood Innovations Grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to develop priority projects with the Maryland Wood Energy Team. This partnership with the Maryland Clean Energy Center, Maryland Department of Commerce, University of Maryland Extension, the USDA Forest Service, and others aims to develop wood energy facilities that will produce new jobs and develop renewable energy markets for underutilized forest products, which will in turn benefit the health of Maryland's sustainable forests.

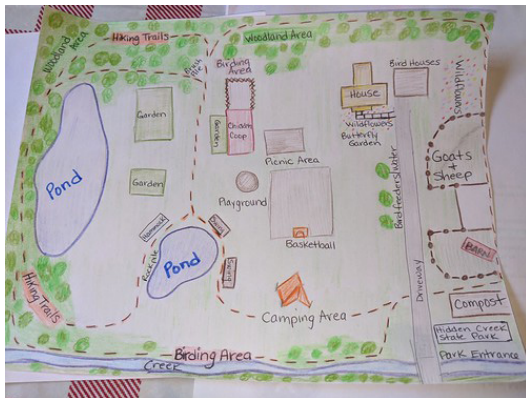
The funding will support the hiring of a woody biomass energy specialist who will identify wood energy opportunities throughout the state. DNR's Maryland Forest Service will collaborate with experts at the USDA Forest Service to provide design assistance to five to 10 facilities in the state that have high probability for conversion to wood fuel.

"Maryland Forest Service recognized that having a specialist focused on developing wood energy projects in Maryland would be an important driver toward success," DNR Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio said. "We are thankful for the USDA funding our grant application and supporting this important initiative."

The Forest Service plans to report on socioeconomic development, climate adaptation and forest stewardship benefits stemming from wood energy innovations and projects to inform the state's approach. The aim is to develop a market for woody biomass that also delivers benefits for healthy and sustainable forests, and clean and renewable energy.

The Departments of Natural Resources, Commerce, and other state agencies continue working with partners across the state to direct grants, programs, and strategies for building new markets for Maryland's forest products industry. Commerce has dedicated a staff member to provide support for this initiative.

"The Maryland Department of Commerce is committed to the development of the state's wood energy industry and this grant will go a long way to bringing new projects to fruition," said Commerce Secretary Kelly M. Schulz.



'Create Your Own State Park' Returns for 2021 Season

The Maryland Park Service is challenging Marylanders everywhere to join a new tradition — Create Your Own State Park at home! Begun during the pandemic in 2020, this innovative series of activities — with prizes available for participants — teaches Marylanders how to provide their own place to enjoy the outdoors and learn about nature, create wildlife habitat, attract more birds and butterflies, and have plenty of fun.

The Create Your Own State Park Challenge encourages people to enjoy their own outdoor spaces and to plant native trees and plants, just as the Maryland Park Service conserves and protects nature. After completing 10 or more activities and providing photo documentation, participants will be entered into the Create Your Own State Park prize drawing. Participants are encouraged to make a park entrance sign, draw a park map, plant a tree or native wildflower garden, or create a camping or picnic area or trails right in their own backyard.

The program, designed for all ages, drew great enthusiasm with people eager to participate and learn more about how to make their home more park-like and participate in this program. New activities are being added for the 2021 season.

"Maryland State Parks offer outdoor recreation experiences in Maryland's most scenic and important natural places," Maryland Park Service Superintendent Nita Settina said. "But nature isn't only found in parks, it's all around us. By participating in the Create Your Own State Park challenge, you can support wildlife and enjoy the awe and wonder of nature at home, every day."

Those who accept the challenge will receive a free day pass to access any State Park along with a certificate of completion and a packet of native plant seeds to use in your new home park. All valid entries will also be entered in a drawing to win a variety of prizes, ranging from complimentary passes for camping, cabin stays, and a Maryland Park Service Annual Park and Trail Passport.

"Create Your Own State Park" challenge entries are due by November 30, 2021. For more information visit:

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/Create-Your-Own-State-Park.aspx>

Bipartisan Tax Legislation Introduced to Help Forest Landowners Recover After Natural Disasters

WASHINGTON, DC – The Forest Landowners Association (FLA) applauds the introduction of bi-partisan HR 4210: The Disaster Reforestation Act, sponsored by Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL-07) and Buddy Carter (R-GA-01), which allows family and private timber growers to recover from the loss of timber destroyed by natural disasters and reforest their lands.

Private forest owners include families and small timber companies that produce products like lumber. These landowners face immense financial burdens when needing to reforest their lands after a natural disaster, which is compounded at tax time when they find their ability to claim a casualty loss for destroyed timber is limited, to zero dollars.

“Forestry is a vital part of rural economies all across our country,” said Rep. Carter. “Unfortunately, the current tax code provides no recourse for working forests struck by natural disasters. I’m proud to work with Congresswoman Sewell and our partners from across the country to address this issue. The Disaster Reforestation Act will ensure timber farming is a viable way of life, protecting the many jobs and consumer products it supports and its positive impact to our environment.”

“Alabama’s beautiful forests keep our economy, our environment, and our people healthy,” said Rep. Sewell. “But when disaster strikes, our private forest owners are often left devastated and without the ability to quickly recover. By fixing our tax code, the Disaster Reforestation Act offers a helping hand to Alabama’s private forest owners as they work to reforest after natural disasters. I am so proud to introduce this legislation and urge my colleagues to support it.” Representatives Sewell and Carter have shown that they understand how important forest landowners are to rural economies, strong domestic wood supply and as a natural climate solution. The introduction of this bill will provide for the equitable tax treatment of casualty loss of their timber crop when disaster strikes.

“America’s forest landowners have been waiting for this fix in the tax code for a long time and as wildlife and hurricane season ramp up, they are appreciative of Representative Sewell and Carter’s efforts to get this important bill moving,” said CEO Jones. “The legislation will not only help timber owners recover from natural disasters but will stimulate rural economies, support our nation’s domestic timber supply, and provide environmental benefits to the nation.”

From Georgia to California, the Pacific Northwest to the Gulf, this is an issue of national importance that deserves a federal solution, and Congress already has the answer, pass the bi-partisan Disaster Reforestation Act. FLA looks forward to continuing to work with Congress to advance this important legislation.

In addition to FLA, more than 35 other forestry and conservation organizations support fixing the tax treatment of timber casualty losses.



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HOW MARYLAND WOOD IS SHAPING THE AMERICAN FUTURE

The partnership between the Maryland Forestry Industry and Pixelle Specialty Solutions is having a positive impact on almost every facet of our lives.

By Todd Berman

The next time you go to a movie or a concert, take a moment to thank a Maryland tree farmer.

After a quiet afternoon spent curled up with a great book — that bestseller you can't put down — send your appreciation to our beloved local loggers as well as the author.

If you enjoy a bag of microwave popcorn, receive a birthday card or win a hand of poker, then you owe thanks to the vital natural resources here in Maryland.

Curious to know the connection? It all starts at a paper mill just across the border in Pennsylvania.



Maryland and the Birth of a Paper Mill

Pixelle Specialty Solutions, formerly the P.H. Glatfelter Paper Company, is a specialty paper manufacturer operating its headquarters mill in Spring Grove, Pennsylvania.

For more than 150 years, the mill in Spring Grove has purchased wood and natural resources from private landowners and the administrators of state-owned lands in Maryland. It's the foundation of the more than 300,000 tons of paper the mill now produces every year.

From the beginning, Maryland played a vital role in the success of the mill. When Philip H. Glatfelter first opened his doors in 1864, cotton rags were used to make paper, but cotton was in short supply due to the Civil War. According to the original company ledger book, Glatfelter's first purchase was from a rag merchant in Maryland named Wills & Adams. Thanks to this supply of raw materials, the company was able to start production shortly after the end of the war.

Today, the Spring Grove mill no longer uses cotton rags to make paper, but Maryland continues to be an essential supplier. The connection between the mill and state has deepened, and the company has come to rely on purchases of pulpwood and other critical timber resources from there.

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The Importance of Partnership and Sustainability

Landowners and caretakers of our forest resources are more than just suppliers to Pixelle, but partners in sustainability.

The Pixelle team has foresters on staff who work with landowners to select timber for harvesting and assist with sustainable forest management. By partnering with landowners, they share their expertise to help cultivate woodlands while protecting soil, water and wildlife. In fact, the Spring Grove mill was the first to develop sustainably managed forests in Maryland and Pennsylvania. Governor William Preston Lane, Jr. and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Forest



Service awarded the company its first “Tree Farm” certificate in 1947.

The Spring Grove mill was also one of the first in the United States to achieve Triple Chain of Custody forestry certification by the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®), the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI®), and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC™), in addition to the American Tree Farm System.

Pixelle takes pride in purchasing locally grown, sustainably managed raw materials to produce specialty papers made in the U.S.A.

Learn more about Pixelle’s commitment to sustainable forestry at <https://www.pixelle.com/forestry>.



Maryland Tree Farm System certificate

Transforming Maryland Wood into Specialty Papers

Forestry services and wood harvesting make up just one step in the process of paper production. Once pulpwood is harvested, it’s transported to the company’s Maryland wood yard or directly to the Spring Grove mill, where it’s sorted into hardwoods and softwoods, debarked, and cut into 1" x 1" chips. The uniform wood chips allow cellulose fiber to more efficiently be separated from the lignin, a glue-like substance in the cell walls of wood, during the pulping operation.

The bark and irregular-sized chips are sent to an on-site cogeneration facility where they are used as a biomass fuel source to produce electricity for the mill and local residents. The uniform wood chips are combined with cooking chemicals in continuous or batch digesters to extract the cellulose fibers known as pulp. The pulp is then washed and brightened from its natural brown shade to the bright white most of us associate with quality papers.

Fillers like clay and calcium carbonate are added to the wood pulp to enhance the printing properties of the finished paper. This mixture is known as the furnish, which is then sent to the paper machine to become paper.

Want to learn more about making paper? Take a tour of the process at <https://www.pixelle.com/mill-tour>.



wood chip pile

Paper Across America

Thanks to the abundant natural resources from Maryland, paper made in the Spring Grove mill is used across the country in products that Americans use every day. For example, books found on Amazon or in your local bookstore, by bestselling authors such as J.K. Rowling, Stephen King and Tom Clancy, are printed on Pixelle paper. Bicycle brand playing cards, the ones sold in convenience stores as well as casino-quality cards used in Las Vegas, are made possible by paper from the mill.

Repositionable sticky notes and Hallmark greeting cards are also made from Pixelle paper. Venue tickets for concerts and movies, envelopes and postage stamps, inkjet printing papers, security papers for bank checks, birth certificates, and voting ballots all use paper from the Spring Grove mill. The mill also produces release papers for bandages and medical applications, labels for beer and bottles of wine, as well as food service papers for everything from ice cream cones, to microwavable popcorn, to fast food sandwich wraps.

Pixelle is also working closely with major food companies to reduce the use of environmentally harmful single-use plastics by developing food contact papers that use improved barrier technologies.

These are just a few examples of consumer products made possible by Pixelle and the natural resources of Maryland. To learn more about the products made by Pixelle, visit www.pixelle.com.



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**THANKS TO THE ABUNDANT
NATURAL RESOURCES FROM
MARYLAND, PAPER MADE IN
THE SPRING GROVE MILL IS
USED ACROSS THE COUNTRY**”



Apply for Dick Stanfield Scholarship by Aug. 31

Established in 2012, the Dick Stanfield Scholarship is offered by the Maryland Forests Association in memory and honor of long-time member, Dick Stanfield who was instrumental in starting the Association in 1976.

The Scholarship provides a \$500 cash award to an MFA member, child of an MFA member, or employee of Edrich Lumber to continue their education at the college level and is awarded annually. The application, available at mdforests.org, includes short essay and verification of college enrollment.

Application deadline is August 31st with awards announced by September 30th.

Delmarva Lumber is Open for Business!

Delmarva Lumber opened its doors in Willards, MD in Wicomico County on May 25 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The pine sawmill stands on the former site of Croppers Brothers Mill, which closed in 2018. Speakers greeted the grand opening as a welcomed interruption to several debilitating years in the regional forest-product industry including the shutdown of multiple Maryland sawmills. "It feels wonderful, it's an honor truly an honor to be able to rebuild relationships in the community, with loggers, tree owners the entire process all the way down," said Delmarva Lumber Owner and Entrepreneur Ezra Rickards.

Rickards, a Millsboro, Del., auto body-shop owner, purchased Cropper Brothers at auction in November, preventing the mill's dissolution. He announced plans to upgrade the facility and revitalize the region's timber market.

Delmarva Lumber has over one million board feet of timber ready to start being shipped. Rickards hopes it will be able to help businesses all along the lumber supply chain.



DNR Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Commerce Secretary Kelly Schulz, Acting County Executive John Psota, local elected officials, and community members gathered to celebrate the opening of Delmarva Lumber. All Photography by: Stephen Badger/Maryland Department of Natural Resources



DNR Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio shakes hands with MFA president Joe Hinson



Delmarva Lumber owner Ezra Rickards received the Governor's citation from DNR Secretary Haddaway-Riccio and Commerce Secretary Schulz



Spring Grove Mill Paper Machine

A Look Toward the Future

Even with the relentless pace of change, progress and technology, some things remain constant.

The relationships built between Pixelle and its forestry partners in Maryland are rooted in generations of hard work and dedication. This partnership helped the Spring Grove mill grow to become a leading supplier of specialty papers. Today, the company employs more than 2,200, providing support to families and businesses in the communities in which it operates. In fact, Pixelle spends roughly \$38 million annually obtaining supplies from local businesses within a 100-mile radius of the Spring Grove mill.

The future is bright for the paper industry, as businesses turn to natural and recyclable paper-based products rather than plastic. With Pixelle's focus on employees, community, sustainability and partnering with landowners to nurture and preserve natural resources, it's prepared to play an increasingly important role.

The article was written by Todd Berman. Todd was born and raised in central Maryland. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Virginia Tech in Forestry and Wildlife with a focus on Environmental Conservation. He continued his studies at the University of Maine and received his Master of Forestry degree with a focus on Forest Policy and Administration. In 2010, Todd started working for the Glatfelter Pulpwood Company that has since become Pixelle Specialty Solutions. He is currently the Regional Wood Procurement Manager in Spring Grove, PA. He is a past president of the Maryland Forestry Association and a current board member.

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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 2021 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 2021 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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Maryland 4-H Forestry Club and State Contest

Greetings!

We are excited to share news of a successful re-launch of the Maryland 4-H Forestry Club and State Contest. This year's club launched in March with weekly virtual sessions, and monthly regional field sessions. Fifteen youth participants from across the State learned from experts and professionals in the field of forestry and entomology over the course of 13 weeks. The experts shared content knowledge, but also college and career pathways for youth interested in pursuing natural resource and conservation careers. On June 6, we held the culminating event, the Maryland 4-H Forestry Contest. Youth gathered in Frederick, MD to showcase their skills/knowledge in each of the following areas:

- Tree identification and measurement
- Compass and pacing
- Topographic Map Skills
- Forest Insect pests and diseases
- Forest Evaluation

We are so grateful to our state contest sponsors, the Maryland Forests Association and Pixelle Specialty Solutions, who graciously provided lunch and dinner to contest participants. Two of our top finishers will be representing Maryland 4-H virtually in this year's National 4-H Forestry Invitational the week of July 26.

Please share information about the program widely. Contact Amy Lang, amlang@umd.edu or Agnes Kedmenecz, akedmen@umd.edu for more information.



Forest Product Operators: Renewal Notices Update

Governor Hogan has rescinded the Executive Order extending certain licenses and permits due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Renewal notices for the 2021 FPO license will be sent soon. Thank you for your understanding in these unprecedented times. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us.

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President's Message Continued...

Whenever I bring this up with my non-outdoorsy friends, inevitably their first reaction is kind of a puzzled look and one person even said, "Good!". Usually, though, after a few minutes of reflection, their response turns to, "You know, you're right."

I think I am, and it's definitely not "good." I like to think I'm a good enough naturalist and have spent enough time in the woods to know when something isn't right. And no bugs definitely isn't right. It's also potentially devastating. Like them or not, bugs are a key part of the food chain and the ecosystem.

They pollinate, feed birds and fish and, once you get to know them, they entertain more than they annoy. I literally cannot imagine life without them.

I really don't have an answer and would love to be proven paranoid and just plain wrong. But I'm more

than nervous. If I were to point the finger at something, it would probably be us humans and our need for pest-free lawns and food crops. At least once a week, a truck wanders through our neighborhood spraying some sort of bug-toxic fog, for mosquitoes, I guess. While we don't have any mosquitoes, we also don't have many lightening bugs, either. Multiply that a thousand times over and we may be close to identifying the problem.

This is not a call to arms and I'm not advocating demonstrations to hijack your local mosquito truck. But I do think it's worth thinking about. MFA advocates for forests and their proper management. To me, that means all the components of a forested environment and that includes bugs. We need them, too. Really.

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