

Sustainable Forestry Council Retreat
May 22-23, Woodmont Lodge
Hancock, MD

State of Sustainable Forestry in Maryland
AGENDA

Monday, May 22

10am

STATUS AND TRENDS

- Maryland Forestry Laws/Programs overview- Don VanHassent, State Forester (MFS)
- Forest Cover Trends, Conservation Status, Chesapeake Bay tracking- Rob Feldt (MFS)

11-11:15 Break

- Discussion on priorities and policy needs

12-1 Lunch (provided)

1-3pm **FOREST CONSERVATION** in MD

- Western MD forest plan – Donnelle Keech (The Nature Conservancy)
- Easement Options – Stacy Schaefer (MD DNR)
- Crediting Conservation- Greg Evans (VDOF)
- Discussion- priority actions for MD/SFC

3-3:30 Break

3:30-5 **FOREST PRODUCT MARKETS**

- Status of Forest Products Markets, Permitting, Biomass, and Utilization Programs- Dan Rider (MFS)
- Discussion Panel with Industry Perspective- Needs and Opportunities (Beth Hill, Ken Roberts, Scott Kurtzman)
- Trade Outlook- Al Goetzl
- Financing Opportunities- Steve McHenry (MARBIDCO)
- Priority needs for MD/SFC

5-5:30 Kirk Rodgers Commemoration follow-up

(Have Discussion and Ideas board to capture thoughts for action planning, Day 2)

6PM Dinner

Tuesday, May 23

7:30AM Breakfast

8:30

- Needs for Forest Adaptation Strategies- Suzanne Dorsey (Harry R. Hughes Center for AgroEcology)

9:30am

EXPANDING TREE CANOPY AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY

- Urban Forestry Programs affecting Urban Tree Canopy (including tree planting, FCA and Fee-in-Lieu forest mitigation)- status, opportunities, constraints- Marian Honeczy (MFS)
- Discussion on Priority SFC actions for Community Forestry, and Forest Conservation Act

11-12

EXPANDING FOREST MANAGEMENT- Outreach, Opportunities (15 min. presentations)

- Needs and Opportunities – Craig Highfield, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
- Collaborative Forest Management- Don Outen (SFC Emeritus)
- Woodland Incentive Program funding status- Dan Rider (MFS)
- Discussion on priority SFC actions for Forest Management

12-1 Lunch

1-3:30 ACTION PLAN for SFC and SUSTAINABLE FORESTS in MD

- Review and Prioritize Objectives and Actions
- Outline 5-year plan priorities

3:30-4pm Next Steps