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The Sustainable Forestry InitiativeSM of Pennsylvania

As the Program Manager, I'd like to take the opportunity -- in this, our first newsletter -- to introduce you to The Sustainable Forestry InitiativeSM (SFI) of Pennsylvania.

The SFI program was established in 1995 by the national trade organization representing the United States forest products industry -- the American Forest and Paper Association (AF&PA). An international program of comprehensive forestry and conservation practices, the SFI program was created to ensure that future generations will have the same abundant, healthy, and productive forests we enjoy today.

In order to broaden the practice and promote sustainable forestry in Pennsylvania, a State Implementation Committee was formed to develop the Sustainable Forestry InitiativeSM of Pennsylvania (SFI of PA). Today, the Committee works to ensure the progress of the SFI program in Pennsylvania.

A partnership among landowners, contractors, and companies that purchase wood, current participants in the SFI of PA program include: the Pennsylvania forest products industry, the Hardwood Lumber Manufacturers Association (HLMA) of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry, Penn State University, as well as loggers, forestry consultants, and private landowners.

There are many benefits derived from the efforts of the SFI of PA program. Landowners receive the information they need to enhance their ability to make good forest management decisions. Loggers learn safer, more productive skills and proper environmental practices. The forest industry as a whole becomes better understood by the public and enjoys continued accessibility to the timber resource-- and everyone benefits from the perpetuation of a healthy forest and the wealth of life enriching products derived from it.





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In order to broaden the practice of sustainable forestry in our state, an Implementation Committee was formed to develop the Sustainable Forestry Initiative of Pennsylvania. Today, the SFI of PA program works to ensure the progress of the national initiative, here in Pennsylvania.

State Implementation Committee Members

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If you have any questions or comments regarding this newsletter -- or if you have an idea for future editions, please contact Andrea Ryan at 814-867-9299, 888-734-9366, or via e-mail at sfi@penn.com.

Staff Profile: Ken Manno

Ken Manno joined the Sustainable Forestry Initiative of Pennsylvania as the Program Manager in September 1996. A central Pennsylvania native, he was born and raised in the Lock Haven area. He completed his studies in computer programming at the Thompson Institute in Harrisburg, and received an Associates Degree in Letters, Arts, and Sciences (Liberal Arts) from the University Park Campus of Penn State University.

Ken has over 24 years of experience in the forest products industry in Pennsylvania, beginning with the Hammermill Paper Company at its manufacturing facility in Lock Haven where he worked in the production planning and customer service areas. After three years there, he was transferred to the company's corporate offices in Erie, working in marketing, then finance, and finally as Public Relations Manager. Soon after Hammermill was acquired by International Paper in late 1986 and through 1990, Ken served as the Communications Manager for the Erie plant. He and his wife, Ellen reside in State College with their two children, Grace and Gregory.

News from the Field

A recent report issued by the American Pulpwood Association (APA), Inc., compared injury rates incurred during operations with mechanized delimiting versus those with manual chain saw delimiting. The random sample of 300 injuries demonstrated that chain saw related injuries continue to be a major source of Worker's Compensation Insurance claims -- particularly on feller-buncher and/or grapple skidder operations that use manual chainsaw delimiting. In fact, they reported that incorporating mechanical delimiting can reduce injuries by more than 50%.

In addition, the APA found that a substantial number of injuries (25% of the sample) occurred during equipment maintenance and repair -- and that most of the accidents occurred in workers who have been on the job less than one year.

As part of the APA's conclusions and recommendations, the incorporation of mechanical delimiting was stressed -- as was the training and close supervision of

employees... "provide periodic, frequent safety training on: (a) equipment maintenance and repair safety procedures, (b) safe mounting and dismounting procedures for each piece of equipment on the job, (c) log truck driving, (d) chain saw use for designated employee(s), (e) importance and proper use of personal protective equipment and other topics as appropriate."

If you are interested in reading the entire release (99-R-2), please contact the American Pulpwood Association, Inc. at 301-838-9385.

Course Profile

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative of Pennsylvania offers Logging Safety as a core course. A basic program designed to train employees and specialized contractors, this one-day program is frequently scheduled throughout the state.

Appropriate for everyone in the industry, SFI of PA's Logging Safety course includes instruction on the safe use of equipment including chainsaw operation.

The North American Standard Inspection Procedures (for trucking safety) are covered and participants will learn the proper use of a log truck driver's vehicle inspection report. Information from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration is also provided.

The course concludes with a discussion on Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Logging Operations and General Industry Standards.

A nominal course fee of \$10, includes training materials (as well as snacks and lunch) which can serve as a valuable reference for both employers as well as employees.

For more information or to find out when Logging Safety is being offered in your area, contact SFI of PA at 814-867-9299 or 888-734-9366. To view our training calendar, visit our web site at www.sfiopfpa.org. You can also elect to receive notices of upcoming events via e-mail from Andrea Ryan at sfiopfpa.org.

SFI of PA Sponsors Forest Award

Pictured Left to Right: Ms. Patricia Sueck, President of Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Mr. Kenneth Manno, Program Manger for the Sustainable Forestry InitiativeSM of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Tim Trayer -- Landowner, Forest Steward, and Director for the American Association of Paulownia Growers.

The Sustainable Forestry InitiativeSM of Pennsylvania had the honor of sponsoring the *M.K. Goddard Forest Resource Management Award* this year at the Annual Conference held by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. (PACD). In the ceremony held to recognize individuals and organizations who help to promote or continue conservation efforts in Pennsylvania, Dr. Tim Trayer of Lebanon County was presented with a plaque and a check for \$500.00.

Every year, the *M.K. Goddard Forest Resource Management Award* is given to Pennsylvania forest landowners who have done an outstanding job managing their woodlots. As private, nonindustrial woodland owners who have had a written woodland management plan in operation for at least five years and who practice quality land management activities -- Dr. Trayer and his wife Debra, were eligible to receive the award.

Nominated by the Lebanon County Conservation District, the Trayer's have a long history of forest land ownership. In fact, their land was purchased in 1962 by Trayer's father, Raymond. That same year, trees were planted and a management plan was written for the property.

Trayer says, "This is a family event that is in its second generation. My father started it when he became involved in tree management with State Forester Paul Troutman back in 1962." Troutman and Trayer have been working together ever since.

Of the award, Trayer remarked, "We can't take all the credit. We benefitted from the expertise of Paul Troutman and a lot of other people at the Lebanon County Conservation Office."

Currently, the Trayer's are actively involved in raising Paulownia trees (commonly known as empress or princess trees). A fast growing species, the Paulownia is a valuable hardwood.

Trayer added, "The key thing to learn is to have a good understanding of the limitations of the property you have -- i.e. what species or species location is good for the property. You need to know your land's strengths and weaknesses."

This has been an exciting year for the Trayer's. In addition to the *M.K. Goddard Forest Resource Management Award*, Trayer received the *Land Conservationist of the Year Award* from the Lebanon County Conservation Office.

"Who was M.K. Goddard?"

If you are one of the many Pennsylvanians who enjoys spending time in our State's parks and forests, chances are you have appreciated the work of Dr. M.K. Goddard.

Forty-five years ago, Dr. Maurice K. Goddard, then President of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, penned a letter to the Governor. Suggesting that things needed to be done for forestry, his words led to his appointment as Pennsylvania's Secretary of Forests and Waters. For twenty-four years, serving under five governors, Goddard fought hard to raise money to enable the Department of Forest and Waters to acquire property for use by the public in counties all over our state.

Projects "In the Works..."

Since the inception of the SFI program in Pennsylvania, we have been making great strides in logger training, landowner education, and public outreach efforts.

This year, to complement our strong "core level" training, we are developing a series of continuing education courses. Among the pertinent industry issues we plan to address are: advanced environmental logging, advanced silviculture, advanced business management, log grading and bucking, estimating standing timber volume, game of logging, and a series of courses aimed at improving public relations.

In an effort to recognize those who demonstrate excellence, we are also in the process of developing a "Master Logger" program. (More information will be available soon.)

We also plan to increase our outreach efforts to both private landowners and the general public through our web site, newsletter, participation in trade shows, the development of additional program-related publications and a speakers bureau -- and will continue to engage the support of the sawmill community through our Sustainable Forestry Initiative of Pennsylvania Partners Program.

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UPCOMING TRAINING EVENTS

*Now is a great
 time to get with
 the program!*

MAY	6	Environmental Logging	Mercer
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	7	Log Grading & Bucking	Tunkhannock
	13	Logging Safety	Indiana
	20	Environmental Logging	Clearfield
	20	Environmental Logging	Lynnport
JUNE	10	Logging Safety	Washington
	17	Logging Safety	Kane
	24	Logging Safety	Lehighton
JULY	22	Sustainable Forestry & Business Management	Butler
AUGUST	18	Sustainable Forestry	Indiana
	19	Sustainable Forestry & Business Management	Brookville
SEPTEMBER	8	Sustainable Forestry & Business Management	Washington
	23	Logging Safety	Clearfield
	30	Sustainable Forestry & Business Management	Lehighton

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