



March 2024

Enabling Pennsylvania communities to thrive through a successful forest products industry.

Hello,

Welcome to Forest 411, our newsletter dedicated to keeping you informed about the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee and promoting sustainable forestry in Pennsylvania. This month, we're focus on part 2, **SFI Inc.**, as part of our three-part series that explains **Forest Certification**, **SFI Inc.**, and the **Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee**. Stay tuned for valuable insights and information!

What is SFI Inc.?

Adapted from *An Introduction to Forest Certification; Woodland Owner Notes* by NC State Extension



**SUSTAINABLE
FORESTRY
INITIATIVE**

SFI-00001

In the United States, three major forest certification options are available for landowners. These certification programs include the American Tree Farm System (ATFS), the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative was adopted in 1994 by the American Forest and Paper

Association as a means to improve the health and sustainability of industrial forestland in the United States. The SFI standard for forest management includes principles, objectives, performance measures, and core indicators that must be met in order to earn designation as a sustainably managed forest (SFI 2022). SFI is overseen by the Sustainable Forestry Board, an independent organization created to maintain and enhance the standard and assessment procedures. SFI is the world's largest single forest certification standard by area. SFI is headquartered in Ottawa and Washington, D.C.

The SFI program recognizes the ATFS, meaning that ATFS-certified land is valid under the SFI program. Similarly, the Canadian Standards Association and PEFC recognize the SFI program.

As an independent, non-profit organization, SFI collaborates with a diverse network to help address local and global sustainability challenges. SFI works with the forest sector, brand owners, conservation groups, resource professionals, landowners, educators, local communities, Indigenous Peoples, governments, and universities. SFI's mission is to advance sustainability through forest-focused collaboration.

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative standards have become the fastest growing, highly trusted solution that can support a growing need for products from the forest, as the drive to reduce carbon pollution and waste intensifies. SFI offers a number of standards and labels to help customers identify certified sustainable forest products, including: the SFI Forest Management Standard, SFI Chain-Of-Custody Standard, SFI Fiber Sourcing Standard, and a label recognizing global standards.

52% of consumers surveyed have heard of SFI, and 90% of consumers that have heard of SFI, trust SFI.

Unique to the SFI program is a grassroots network of 35 independent Committees that support and deliver the SFI program locally. More on those committees next month, stay tuned.

[Visit SFI's Website](#)

MONTH IN REVIEW

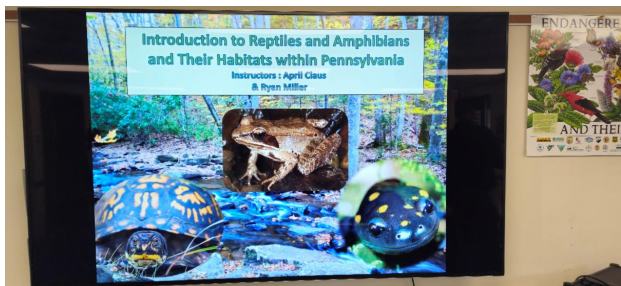
Thanks to Bryan Seward and his students at Sun Area Technical Institute. We needed a display plaque for our fur kit that was donated by the PA Trappers Association. Reilly Mitterling went to work on the design and production of the plaque, and Will Busler did the finish work. Well done!! Pictured with Doty McDowell of the PA SIC is Will.



[Sun Tech's Website](#)

[Intro to Reptiles and Amphibians & their habitats within](#)

Pennsylvania



Loggers and foresters who participated in this training on Wednesday gained valuable insights into the significance of reptiles and amphibians in Pennsylvania. These elusive creatures serve as crucial bioindicators, reflecting the health of their environment. Instructors April Claus and Ryan Miller delivered a wealth of information during the session. This exclusive class is typically available only once in the spring and once in the fall. Keep an eye out for the fall session to ensure you don't miss this opportunity to enhance your knowledge.

Upcoming Events & Trainings

Spring Training Courses are now under way!

Check out our spring training block now! Become a Qualified Logging Professional in Pennsylvania or earn continuing education credits to maintain your qualification. This is the perfect opportunity for you.

[Register for training](#)

2024 Spring Training Schedule

CORE

CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING

SELF-PACED/ASYNCHRONOUS ONLINE LOGGING TRAINING COURSES

CELEBRATING 55 YEARS OF LOGGING SAFETY

KANE AREA LOGGER & SAWMILLER SAFETY MEETING

Where: Johnsonburg Firehall, Johnsonburg, PA

When: Tuesday, April 9, 2024

GUEST SPEAKER for Evening Presentation:
Jeff Jenkins, Appalachian Region Consultant for Forest Resources Association

Exhibitor Expo & On-site Registration for evening begins @ 4:30 pm
Dinner @ 5:30 pm
Safety Meeting @ 6:15 pm

SFI Class 1:30 - 4:30 pm
On site registration 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Theme for SFI Class "FIRE" - Learn about Pennsylvania's growing use of prescribed fire as a forest management tool, what to do in the event of a forest fire and how to protect yourself and your equipment.

PRESENTERS
PA Game Commission, PA Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources, Local Fire Fighting Experts

Please register in Advance at: www.SFOIPA.ORG/REGISTER

NOTE: Both afternoon classes and evening program must be attended to receive SFI continuing ed credit (1 year). This is more than a 4 hour time commitment.

55th Annual Loggers and Saw Millers Spring Safety Meeting

Come be part of the oldest logging safety meeting in the United States! PA SFI training will be held from 1:30 pm until 4:30 pm. This year's theme is "FIRE" - Learn about Pennsylvania's growing use of prescribed fire as a forest management tool, what to do in the event of a forest fire and how to protect yourself and your equipment. The course will be presented by PA Game Commission, PA DCNR, and local fire fighting experts. The evening presentation will include a free dinner (starting at 5:30) and door prizes, as well as a number of additional speakers,

updates, and vendor presentations. The evening will wrap up around 8:15 pm.

[Register Here](#)

Loggers - Get money back on training fees!!

Are you aware of an agricultural training reimbursement program from **AgConnect**. This can help offset the cost of training for eligible employers/trainees with a reimbursement of up to 50% of the course cost.



Read how to get 50%
back!

Apply for
Savings

Webinars

Hardwood CLT (Cross Laminated Timber) Current Status and Future Opportunities

Interested in learning about Hardwood CLT?
Join the Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council for a webinar on the current status and future opportunities of Hardwood CLT (Cross Laminated Timber) in Pennsylvania and beyond.

Who should attend: Hardwood Companies, Architects and Designers, Building Construction Firms, Forest and Wood Products Industry Advocacy Organizations, Government Entities, Policy Directors, Academic / Research Institutions, Lenders

PENNSYLVANIA HARDWOOD
STANDS FOR QUALITY

REAL AMERICAN HARDWOOD

Friday, April 5th
10:00 – 11:30 AM (EST)
[REGISTER HERE](#)

SPEAKERS

APPALACHIAN HARDWOOD

Tom Inman, President
[Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers Association](#)
Highlighting efforts to approve Poplar in the International Building Code as a structural material in CLT projects.

HC | STILES

Roland Hernandez
Vertical Market Manager /Mass Timber
[Stiles Machinery \(Homag\)](#)
Providing a visual walkthrough of a hardwood CLT production line & discussing how CLT production can be a competitive proposition for the hardwood industry.

[Register Here](#)

INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHT

Our monthly newsletter will showcase our SFI-Certified Organizations, and esteemed SIC Partners and Supporters who's support of the SIC are making a positive impact on Pennsylvania's forests. This month we are highlighting Weyerhaeuser.

Sustainability has been a guiding principle at Weyerhaeuser for well over 100 years. We're driven by the belief that forests are the most sustainable and versatile resource on Earth, and we have a tremendous responsibility to manage them well — today and long into the future.



We're proud of the work we do to ensure our forests last forever, yet we know sustainability is about much more than what we do in the woods. It's a deeply rooted value that touches every aspect of our business. For us, sustainability is about constantly innovating and evolving — and taking proactive steps every day to ensure our company will add meaningful value to the world around us for generations to come.

Our shareholders invest in us based on the belief that we will run our operations responsibly and effectively. Our customers depend on having a reliable partner and a sustainable supply chain. Our current and future employees want to work in a safe, ethical and inclusive environment where they can feel proud of the impact we have on the world. And communities where we operate want to know we are good neighbors who do our part to help them thrive.

We have a long track record of great work in all these areas, but we aren't resting on our past accomplishments. We're committed to deepening our impact through strategic partnerships and demonstrating our effectiveness through transparent reporting. I'm excited to see this chapter of our sustainability strategy come to life as we implement our ambitious vision over the next decade and beyond.

Thank you,

Devin W. Stockfish
President and CEO

Weyerhaeuser has been an SFI Certified Organization in Pennsylvania for the past 28 years.

[Visit Weyerhaeuser's Website](#)

SFI-certified organizations are crucial to the success of the SFI program. These entities have pledged to uphold the SFI Standards and have received third-party certification from independent auditors confirming their compliance. SFI-certified organizations prioritize sustainable forest management and fiber sourcing practices, which include maintaining forest productivity and health, protecting water quality, preserving biological diversity, and safeguarding special sites. They also provide training and education for employees, contractors, and harvesting professionals, support research efforts, and

promote sustainable forestry through landowner outreach and community involvement. In addition to implementing these practices on forestland they manage, SFI-certified organizations also advocate for sustainable forestry practices on other lands.

**Get our 2024
Directory**



Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee | 211 Barrington Lane,
Bellefonte, PA 16823

[Unsubscribe doty@sfiopa.org](mailto:doty@sfiopa.org)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data
Notice](#)

Sent by doty@sfiopa.org powered by



Try email marketing for free today!