

Cecil County Forest Conservancy District Board

2023 Year-in-Review

- Routine measuring and re-measuring of trees listed on the Maryland Big Tree Program website in Cecil County and other counties lacking board support.
- Provides Cecil County Schools tree seedlings each spring for their Arbor Day program (1500-2000 seedlings annually).
- Provides seedlings for community events (Tome School Color Run & Arbor Day celebration).
- Runs a FB table at a local garden products market, providing forestry outreach and education (St. Mary Anne's Garden Market). The garden market had approximately 5000 people in attendance in 2023.
- Reviewed three critical area timber harvest plans in 2023.
- Board member serves as webmaster on board's own website. The website provides current meeting agenda, minutes from past meetings, forestry information and educational materials, and listings for Cecil County Big Tree Champions.
- Creation of a Cecil County Big Tree Driving Tour, providing the whereabouts and descriptions of many publicly-accessible big trees in Cecil County. A second driving tour covering the Southern portion of the county is currently being developed by board members.
- Utilization of a mapping program to create an interactive mapping system of all publicly-accessible MBTP trees in Cecil County.

- Interviewed and approved two students from Cecil County to attend the 2023 Natural Resources Career Camp.
- 3 members of the Board are active members of the Big Tree Committee, one of which is the Chair of the Maryland Big Tree Program Committee.
- 1 member of the Cecil Board is the Director of NRCC.
- Discussed with Executive Director of Mt. Harmon (a not-for-profit colonial-era estate open to the public) the creation of a big tree walking tour paper guide to complement the driving tour. Development of such a guide will continue in 2024.
- Reviewed and discussed the 2022 SPONGY MOTH EGG MASS SURVEY REPORT for Cecil County.
- Reviewed and discussed the 2022 Annual Wildland Fire Report and further reviewed and discussed the status of the Smokey the Bear costume and requirements.
- Participated in a discussion with Cara Dudzic about the 5 Million Tree project and how it might be implemented in Cecil County.
- Participated in a discussion with Shawn Day about the Elk Neck State Forest Arboretum and how the Cecil Board might serve as an advisory board for the state forest arboretum.