

**Cecil County Forest Conservancy District Board**  
**2024 Year-in-Review**

- The Cecil Forestry Board held a total of 12 regular meetings in 2024.
- Conducted routine measuring and re-measuring of trees listed on the Maryland Big Tree Program website in Cecil County and offered mutual aid to other counties where needed.
- 25 total trees were measured, of which 11 were new entries. One new state champ and one new co-champ are included in the newly measured trees.
- Provided Cecil County Public Schools 1500 bare root white pine seedlings in support of their Arbor Day program.
- Ran a Cecil Forestry Board table at the 2025 St. Mary Anne's Garden Market, providing forestry outreach, education, and white pine seedlings to the public.
- Reviewed two Chesapeake Bay Critical Area timber harvest plans in 2024.
- Reviewed two Forest Retention Area timber harvest plans in 2024.
- Ron continues to serve as the webmaster on the 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.
- Gabrielle, the Chairperson of the Cecil Board, continued to serve as the Director of the 2024 Natural Resources Career Camp (NRCC).

- Dori, Kathie, and John are active members of the Big Tree Committee, and John continued to serve as the Chair of the Maryland Big Tree Program Committee.
- Gabrielle attended the 2024 Maryland Forestry Board Summit on behalf of the Cecil Board. Gabrielle also received a gift from the Allegany Forestry Board on behalf of the Cecil Board. The gift was a containerized tree that is a descendant of a yellow-poplar Liberty Tree. The Board plans to plant the tree at the Black Hill Ranger Station.
- The Board and Emilio Concari (DNR FS) began developing a MD Big Tree measuring video highlighting how to measure big trees and how the public can nominate trees.
- Gabrielle and Matt Spiroff (DNR FS) worked to complete a NRCC 2025 press release and submit it through official DNR channels for approval.
- Gabrielle and Emilio worked a Board booth in August at the Elkton, MD National Night Out event.
- Gabrielle issued a letter to the Chesapeake Bay Trust on behalf of the Board in support of the Town of Charlestown serving as a host organization to participate in the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps Program.
- The Board lent their tree identification game to DNR Forest Service staff for an event they tabled at in Queen Anne's County.