

Cecil Forest Conservancy District Board

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 6th, 2024

6PM @ Black Hill Ranger Station

Attendees:

Gabrielle Oldham	Ron Anderson	John Bennett
Dori Murphy	Mike Morgan	Katie Kranich
Matt Spiroff	Tom Frederick	

Gabrielle brought the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

The May 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the board via email on 5/13/2024.

Treasurer's report

- John provided the treasurer's report.
- No new changes were made to the Board's accounts in May.
- The Board's CD fund is set to mature on 6/20/2024. The board discussed the need to withdraw funds from this to support board activities for the next year.
- John is going to follow up with Cecil Bank to discuss interest rates and rolling the CD into another term.

Maryland Big Tree Program Update:

- John provided the report. John's report is provided below:

MBTP Report – Cecil – BT-1493, Maryland State Champion Green Ash did not leaf out this spring and is presumed dead. By an unfortunate coincidence, the owner died April 25th. It was last measured in 2017 and scored 347 points.



Figure 1. Trees referenced in the MD Big Tree Program Report.

In Maryland, 8 trees were measured; all re-measurements except one.

--3 in Baltimore County re-measured by Linda Barker and Marc Lipnick

--3 in Dorchester County re-measured by Joli Mccathran and Geary Schwemmer

--1 in Caroline County re-measured by Joli McCathran and Geary Schwemmer

--1 new tree, a sweetgum, by Bruce Phillips and Dakota Durcho. It is the new county champion. It grows on the campus of Hood College.

Early in May a MBTP member recommended that the English name for *Liriodendron tulipifera* be changed to **tuliptree** on the MBTP website. The issue was referred to Dr. Anne Hairston Strang as within the purview of the State Forester. Dr. Anne said she preferred “yellow-poplar” (with the hyphen) but that “yellow-poplar/tuliptree” was acceptable. The issue was raised concerning local Forestry Board websites and other publications. This issue has not yet been addressed. The MBTP website has been changed.



Hood College Sweetgum

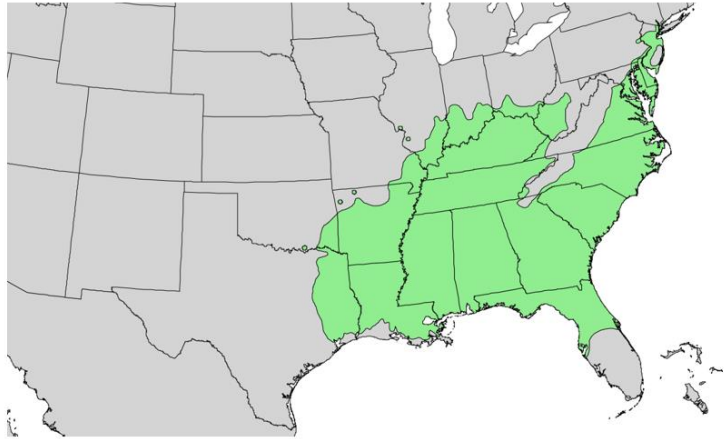


Figure 2. Trees referenced in the MD Big Tree Program Report, and a map showing the range of sweetgum.

Natural Resources Career Camp (NRCC) Update:

Gabrielle provided the update.

- NRCC 2024 is fully booked with 42 students registered to attend.
- Gabrielle discussed the need for night staff for the camp. Interested parties are encouraged to reach out to Gabrielle.

Website Update:

Ron gave the update:

- Several items were uploaded to the board's website, however no tree listings needed to be updated in May.
- The April meeting minutes, as well as the June meeting agenda were uploaded to the board's website in May.

Old Business:

- The 2024 Maryland Forestry Board Summit is planned for June 10,11, and 12th. Gabrielle will provide feedback about the meeting at the next meeting.
- St. Mary Anne's Garden Market Recap. The board discussed the 2024 Garden Market, including potential changes or improvements the board can make in years to come. Some possible changes include changing the tree species in the Tree Identification Game to include non-oak species. Another change would be to add a paper or cardstock "luggage tag" to the tree seedlings that the board gives away, to provide a weblink to the board's website and planting instructions for a bare root seedling. The event had a good turn out with approximately 5100 visitors to the Garden Market, between Friday and Saturday.
- The board gave special thanks to Board member Mike Morgan, who graciously donated 5 containerized red chokeberry shrubs for the board to host a raffle at the St. Mary Anne's Garden Market.

New Business:

- National Night Out – The board discussed the National Night Out in Elkton, MD in August and setting up a board display. Tentatively, Gabrielle and Emilio Concari will be attending the event to represent the Cecil Forestry Board.

The next meeting will be held on July 3rd, at 6:00 PM.