



*A unifying voice for Virginia's Forestry community.*

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### **JOHN C. MAGRUDER RECEIVES VIRGINIA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION'S LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**RICHMOND, VA** – John C. Magruder of Tappahannock, was recently recognized with the Virginia Forestry Association's (VFA) first-ever Leadership Award. The Leadership Award was created by VFA's Awards Committee this year to acknowledge Magruder for going above and beyond in his leadership responsibilities for the greater good of the association and its members.

John Magruder, who served as VFA President from 2019 to 2020, joined the Association as a member in 1991 when he was a forester with the Virginia Department of Forestry. In 1998 Magruder opened Three Rivers Forestry LLC, a consultancy dedicated to promoting exceptional forest management by providing quality consulting forest services to both public and private landowners of all sizes across eastern Virginia.

Throughout his tenure as a VFA member and volunteer, Magruder has not only served on VFA's Board of Directors as Vice President and President, but he has also served on and led various committees including Membership Committee, Budget Committee, Summit Planning Committee, Personnel Committee, and Awards Committee. Magruder is a longtime donor to the Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation and is currently serving on the Virginia Forest Political Action Committee Board of Trustees. After planning a successful Virginia Forestry Summit in 2019, Magruder dedicated countless hours to leading staff, volunteers, and fellow Board members through a time of considerable transition for the organization.

Those who have had the pleasure of working with him understand his talent, relentless passion and commitment to the VFA. "It is rare to be in the presence of a true leader—someone who pulls people together and puts the interest of the whole above the interest of himself," says current VFA president John Gee. "John Magruder is one of the very few true leaders I have worked with over the years."

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#### **About Virginia Forestry Association:**

Founded in 1943, the Virginia Forestry Association (VFA) is a not-for-profit organization with the mission of representing Virginia's diverse forestry community and promoting the sustainable use and conservation of forest resources to ensure their long term social benefits for all Virginians. VFA consists of a diverse membership, including forest landowners, foresters, forest products businesses, loggers, forestry consultants, and a variety of individuals and groups who are concerned about the future well-being of Virginia's forest resources and are willing to collaborate for the good of the industry. VFA seeks to be the unifying voice of Virginia's forestry community through advocacy, outreach, and communications that enhance the public's perception of the industry. Learn more at [www.vaforestry.org](http://www.vaforestry.org).