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## *A unifying voice for Virginia's forestry community*

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### **JOHN MAGRUDER NAMED VFA OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

**Richmond, VA** – The Virginia Forestry Association awarded John Magruder of Three Rivers Forestry, LLC with its 2021 Outstanding Member of the Year Award during the 2021 Virginia Forestry Summit in Harrisonburg, Virginia this September. VFA's Outstanding Member of the Year Award recognizes an individual for their outstanding contributions in the area of conservation, utilization and enhancement of Virginia's forest resources. It is given to honor a Virginia Forestry Association member who has gone "above and beyond" their normal duties and responsibilities to render service to, and promote the interests of, Virginia forestry, and/or has fostered greater public awareness and understanding of the forests of the Commonwealth and the contributions which they make to all Virginia citizens.

Mr. Magruder's service to the forestry community has been exemplary over the years and continues today. He has served on virtually every committee within the Virginia Forestry Association over the years and continues to be a leader of our association. Magruder is a Past President of VFA and currently serves as the Chair of the Virginia Forest Resources Political Action Committee (VAForestPac) Board of Trustees. Magruder has spent countless volunteer hours supporting the forestry community, and has facilitated and led forestry tours for legislators and their aids, continuing to educate our Commonwealth community on Virginia's forests. Magruder is a lifetime member of the VFA, ACF, and SAF.

Magruder's commitment to community doesn't stop there. He has been a leader in the Boy Scouts for over thirty year and is passionate about educating and inspiring our youth. He chairs the Essex County Board of Supervisors.

During the transition of our Executive Directors at VFA, John stepped up and gave countless hours of his time overseeing operations of VFA ensuring a smooth transition. VFA Past-President John Gee of Ontario Hardwood Inc., remarks, "John is one of the very few 'true' leaders I have the chance to work with over the years. Those who have had the pleasure of working with him understand his talent and commitment to VFA."

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

Founded in 1943, the Virginia Forestry Association (VFA) is a not-for-profit organization that represents Virginia's diverse forestry community and promotes the sustainable use and conservation of forest resources to ensure their long-term benefits for all Virginians. VFA's diverse membership of more than 1,000 companies and individuals includes forest landowners, foresters, forest products businesses, loggers, forestry consultants, and a variety of stakeholders who value the conservation and sustainable use of forest resources as a driver of ecological, economic, and social prosperity in Virginia.

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