

2021 Report

CONSERVING A VITAL RESOURCE FOR THE FUTURE

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## **INVEST**



Ken Morgan, VFEF President

"Virtual" has become an increasingly popular buzzword over the past twelve months. Even though being out of the classroom, biologically neither the bodies nor minds of our youth have been placed on hiatus. These young people continue to formulate convictions from learning which will be principles for them throughout life. Some of our partners in education, the entities which the Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation financially supports as noted in this report, have been practicing virtual learning. The

other programs must hit the ground running when schools return to personal interaction.

Our Board of Directors allocates funding to educators who share the true message to youth about our Commonwealth's sustainable forests and the environmental, social, and economic benefits forestry and forest products provide to all Virginians.

In addition to in-classroom instruction and summer camps, the VFEF is the primary scholarship supporter at Virginia Tech's College of Natural Resources and Environment in the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation and Department of Sustainable Biomaterials. We have now extended scholarship support to Dabney S. Lancaster Community College towards the Associate in Applied Science Forestry degree program. A "cornerstone" of the VFEF's educational success are programs that deliver factual information to teachers through Project Learning Tree, the Southwest Chapter SAF Trees to Products program, and the Next Generation Outreach Program.

Trees are BIG business in Virginia. Sixty-two percent of the 27 million acres in our state are covered by forests. A vibrant, well-managed forest provides for cleaner air and water than a stagnant forest. Forests produce products used in our lives each and every day. In Virginia, this equates to providing jobs for 108,000 people with an annual economic contribution of \$21 billion. Sixty-one percent of the forested acres in our state are owned by non-industrial private landowners. Our forests are healthier and contain more tonnage of wood than 100 years ago. "Educated" youth will go home from school and share facts of what they learned with mom and dad, and grandmamma and grandaddy, and aunts and uncles.

We appreciate your financial support and welcome your suggestions for expanding our youth education programs. Our Board is committed to the VFEF mission, and we appreciate your solid quality of life investment for us all.

THE MISSION OF THE VIRGINIA FORESTRY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION IS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT STATEWIDE YOUTH **EDUCATION PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE FORESTS FOR THE** ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF ALL VIRGINIANS.

# **PROGRAMS SUPPORTED IN 2020**



## Forestry Internships at the 4-H Centers - \$19,985

The placement of a student from the Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources in a position of forestry intern/instructor has become tradition at the following 4-H Centers: Airfield 4-H Center, Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Jamestown 4-H Educational Center, Northern Virginia Educational Center, Southwest 4-H Edcuational Center and Skelton 4-H Educational Center. This provides accurate and science-based forestry education to 4-H members age 9-13 while also providing interns, our future foresters, enhanced leadership and outreach skills.

#### HOLIDAY LAKE 4-H EDUCATIONAL CENTER: SUMMER CAMP AT HOME

Camping from Home was designed in response to in-person camp cancellations due to COVID-19. This program brought camp to the homes of youth and their families across the state, country, and the world. It offered a variety of hands-on learning opportunities including forestry education, natural resource education, fun with food options, STEAM options, and ideas for getting physically active





to be enjoyed at the participants leisure. Downloadable packets were created and shared with local Extension Offices to allow for participants to acquire if internet access was a challenge.

Virtual campers participated in activities designed to motivate them to spend time outdoors while learning about nature, gardening, food and nutrition, science and more.





#### SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA 4-H EDUCATIONAL CENTER: VIRTUAL CAMP ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH

The Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center included a dedicated Wilderness Camp with content related to sustainable forestry concepts. Forestry curriculum was also provided for the statewide "Camp Across the Commonwealth" that was co-presented with the five other Virginia 4-H Centers. Virginia Cooperative Extension's Southwest District forestry expert helped to produce a 15-minute video, "Inside Southwest Virginia Forests," which educates on salvage harvesting and explores forests that are at different life stages. In partnership with The Nature Conservancy's local office in Abingdon, a video was created about timber cruising and why it is important to keep track of what is in the forest.

## Forestry Scholarships at Virginia Tech — \$136,000

Academic scholarships are awarded annually to students in the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation and the Department of Sustainable Biomaterials in the College of Natural Resources and Environment at Virginia Tech. These scholarships are administered through the Foundation in accordance with the restrictions agreed to with the donors.

## **PROGRAMS SUPPORTED IN 2020**

## Project Learning Tree — \$20,500

Project Learning Tree (PLT) is an internationally renowned forestry and environmental educational program for K-12 students, reaching about 800 teachers at approximately 50 workshops annually in Virginia. These educators return to work with hands-on PLT activities to use with their students. PLT activities and modules directly support the Virginia Standards of Learning.

### Awards and Recognition for 4-H Forestry — \$6,000

4-H forestry projects emphasize the economic importance of forestry and the products that are derived from them. Awards are presented to recognize the outstanding youth and volunteer leaders completing significant forestry judging activities. The expanded seedling program, Growing Kids & Trees for Virginia's Forests, continues to instill in young students the importance of trees for ecosystem services and economic benefits they provide for Virginians every day. Additionally, PLT-trained cooperators are able to address science-based facts about trees that address Standards of Learning. This



year 8,860 hardwood seedlings were planted by 5,200 of Virginia's youth. In addition to the seedlings, these young people received information on the importance of trees and forests. And as many of these youth intend to plant the trees in their yards, it is essential to impart the knowledge of placing the "right tree in the right place" in urban or residential settings to avoid conflicts with utilities or future hazard tree issues.

## Southwest Chapter Society of American Foresters: Trees to Products — \$5,000

This program, created to educate teachers, highlights Virginia's hardwood forests. Teachers visit tour sites and discuss production and utilization of forest resources and the environmental and social issues surrounding the management and utilization of our forest resources.



## Dabney S. Lancaster Community College — \$8,000

Dabney S. Lancaster Community College (DSLCC) offers Virginia's only Associate in Applied Science Forestry Degree Program. DSLCC provides scholarships to support students seeking to gain technical forestry knowledge, who will continue to serve the forest industry after graduation through employment with the Virginia Department of Forestry and in the forest products industry.



#### **PROGRAMS SUPPORTED IN 2020, CONTINUED**

## Camp Woods & Wildlife - \$1,600

Advertised statewide, Camp Woods & Wildlife accepts up to 80 campers, ages 13-16 each year. Many of these students are interested in natural resources careers, and this camp provides a chance for them to explore their professional futures!

## Youth Conservation Camp — \$1,500

The Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts features Youth Conservation Camp (YCC). This program brings together an average 70 students on the Virginia Tech campus for a week each summer. YCC students have the chance to experience Virginia's resources and learn real life skills to integrate natural resource conservation into their future careers.

## **Skyline Chapter Society of American Foresters:** Teaching Teachers, Teaching Trees — \$4,800

This two-day program immerses public school teachers into the world of forest management and the forest products industry, providing teachers with accurate information about Virginia's hardwood and pine forests. The program further links these concepts to the Virginia Standards of Learning and provides training in Project Learning Tree activities.

## Next Generation Outreach Program — \$20,000

The Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation (WBWF) features the WBWF Next Generation Outreach Program, which connects students to the beauty and importance of our natural resources for generating environmental stewardship responsibilities. WBWF educators travel to classrooms and conduct programs, a combination of science and conservation, for grades 3-5.

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The Investment Policy requires that a qualified financial advisor conduct an annual review. The Board's Investment Committee meets periodically to review the allocation of assets and to invest new monies

Allocation of Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation investments as of December 31, 2020:

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Programs and Scholarships	\$ 60,780
Administration	4,806

#### **Educational Programs**

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#### Scholarships

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**GRAND TOTAL** 7,876,598

## **FORESTRY LEGACY SOCIETY &** FORESTRY LEGACY SOCIETY PLUS

Individuals who are interested in maintaining, expanding and promoting the forests and forest products of Virginia need only to indicate by will or by codicil to your will, that you are making a beguest to the Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation. These are legal documents; therefore an attorney should be consulted for their preparation.

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The principal activities of the Foundation, when formed, were to:

- A. Encourage the reforestation of idle and abandoned agricultural and cutover woodlands.
- B. Provide prizes for the annual "Keep Virginia Green" poster contest.
- C. Create more interest in forestry among students by contributing prizes to forestry judging contests and tuition for attendance at one-week forestry camps.
- D. Assist vocational agriculture teachers to arouse more interest in the study of forestry.
- E. Provide scholarships to worthy high school graduates as a means of encouraging and aiding them in obtaining a college education in forestry.

These activities of the Foundation have been adjusted and modified over time to meet the current environment but are still consistent with principles established by the founders.

The Foundation seeks to support programs that demonstrate how sustainable forestry can protect watersheds and wildlife while preserving aesthetic and recreational values of the community. Sustainable forestry supports jobs for local loggers, sawmills and other segments of the local communities. Good forest practices assure a steady flow of over 5,000 wood-related items generated by the forest products industry that are so essential to our everyday lives.

## **HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?**

The Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation seeks contributions from friends, landowners and anyone interested in educational projects and programs concerning conservation and forest resource management with emphasis on youth educational programs. Online donations are welcomed and appreciated at www.vfef.net

## **Gifts**

You can participate through gifts of cash, stocks, bonds, land or timber. As a 501(c)(3) organization, VFEF can receive your contributions as fully tax deductible. Contributions are invested in the consolidated endowment unless requested for a specific purpose. Your tax advisor or attorney should be consulted for major gifts to ensure compliance with governing laws and regulations.

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In 1958, leaders in the Virginia forestry and forest products community created the Virginia Forests Educational Fund, now the Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation (VFEF). This was made possible by a \$25,000 grant from the Paul Mellon's Old Dominion Foundation, and VFEF has made significant progress since that inaugural contribution.

Numerous youth education programs in Virginia have benefited from VFEF support over the years, including Project Learning Tree, Trees to Products, Teaching Teachers Teaching Trees, 4-H programs and forestry camps. In this way, VFEF has helped teach generations about forestry and how the environment impacts our world, our economy, and our lives on a daily basis. Scholarships have been a long-time focus of the Foundation, providing more than \$1 million in support to approximately 519 students at Virginia Tech and in other programs.

We are thankful for contributors who generously support the mission of the Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation. Please enjoy this year's annual report detailing over 60 years of our success.

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