

Forest Action Plan Public Listening Sessions Held in May

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources, in concert with the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology of the University of Maryland, will host six public listening sessions in May to aid in the development of Maryland Forest Service's 2020 <u>Forest Action Plan</u> (FAP). **View the full <u>2015 Maryland</u>** <u>Forest Action Plan</u> or the <u>Executive Summary</u>.

The FAP assesses the current state of the forest resources and lays out the strategy for addressing forestry priorities in the state. These listening sessions will allow stakeholders to provide feedback on how the FAP should be structured and what it should include.

What are the biggest issues facing Maryland forests? Is there anything threatening the state's forestry industry? What resources do Maryland's forests and foresters need? In addition to participating in the listening sessions this May, please take a short survey (go.umd.edu/forestsurvey) to provide input on the needs of Maryland's forests and forestry moving forward.

Listening sessions are held in every region of the state this May, with identical information presented at each event. All sessions are free and open to the public; registration is available at the links below.

The dates and locations of the listening sessions are:

Western MD - Wednesday, May 8, 2019 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Allegany College of Maryland, Continuing Education Building, Room 12/14 12401 Willowbrook Road, Cumberland, MD 21502 To register, visit <u>go.umd.edu/fapwmd</u>

Central MD (Frederick) - Thursday, May 9, 2019 - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Urbana Regional Library, Anthony M. Natelli Community Room 9020 Amelung St., Frederick, MD 21704 To register, visit <u>go.umd.edu/fapcmdf</u>

Annapolis - Monday, May 13, 2019 - 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Department of Natural Resources, Room C-1 580 Taylor Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401 To register, visit <u>go.umd.edu/fapcmda</u>

Lower Eastern Shore - Tuesday, May 14, 2019 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Ward Museum of Wildfowl, Legacy Center 909 South Schumaker Drive, Salisbury, MD, 21804 To register, visit <u>go.umd.edu/faples</u>

Upper and Mid-Eastern Shore - Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Chesapeake College, Room HPAC-127 1000 College Circle, Wye Mills, MD 21679 To register, visit go.umd.edu/fapues

Southern MD - Monday, May 20, 2019 - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Potomac Branch Library, Potomac Meeting Room 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head, MD 20640 To register, visit <u>go.umd.edu/fapsmd</u>

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