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Landowner Benefits of the Sappi Maine Forestry Program

“People seek us out. They see a woodlot we have managed and ask, ‘Can you do that on my property?’ They might hear about us from a logging contractor, a friend, or a family member.”

Sappi Forester, Bryan Savoy, outlines his top five reasons why a landowner chooses the Maine Sappi Forestry Program to manage their woodlot:

1) Trust. A landowner needs to know their forester is working to meet the landowner’s interests and objectives. They want someone they trust to develop a plan for their woodlot, see that the plan is implemented, and ensure that it meets their expectations. They know that Sappi is here for the long-term, and appreciate the program’s reputation for fairness, honesty, and trust.

2) Forest Health. Landowners care about the long-term health and aesthetics of their forest, and the benefits that a healthy forest brings to wildlife and water quality. They want any improvements done on their land today to result in a healthier forest in ten, twenty or forty years. Sappi shares these goals.

3) Fair Return. It is difficult for a landowner to track the wood removed from their lot during a harvest. Working with a Sappi forester, the landowner knows that they will receive a fair price and timely payment for any wood harvested from their lot, that someone is keeping accurate track of all wood sent to a mill, and that wood is being sourced where it will fetch the best price.

4) Markets. Sappi is the largest buyer of hardwood pulp in Maine, and offers a ready market with no “middle man” for any wood sold to the Somerset mill. Sappi has a dedicated forester who is responsible for marketing all of the logs and veneer.

5) Value and Service. In contrast to many other forestry programs, Sappi offers many forestry services at no charge to the landowner. For example, Sappi will update or develop a State of Maine Tree Growth management plan free of charge for anyone who works with their program. Sappi works closely with some of the best logging contractors in Maine and New Hampshire. There are many reasons for a landowner to utilize the Sappi forestry team in their next forestry project. Call today to learn more.

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Pine Tree Camp: www.pinetreesociety.org/camp

Pine Tree Camp as outstanding tree farm of the year:

<http://goo.gl/dnuVa4>

Also see the American Tree Farm website: www.treefarmssystem.org/pine-tree-society-from-maine

Information on Hancock Lumber is available at: www.hancocklumber.com

Needle Casts and Eastern White Pine needle damage at:

<http://1.usa.gov/1V7TTHJ>

and <http://1.usa.gov/1rSbB6E>

Featured Landowner Pine Tree Camp

Pine Tree Society has helped people in Maine with disabilities lead active, socially connected lives since 1936. In 1945 the Society opened Pine Tree Camp, where they offer a typical summer camp experience—hiking, swimming, fishing, and camping—that is completely adapted so that all campers, regardless of their disability, are able to meaningfully participate in all social and recreational activities.

Pine Tree Camp's 285-acre facility includes more than a mile of waterfront on beautiful North Pond, one of the seven Belgrade Lakes. The Camp includes 33 accessible buildings—many of which are newly reconstructed as part of a capital campaign initiated in 2007.

A network of nature trails winds through the picturesque pine forest for which Pine Tree Camp is named. Campers enjoy a brand new playground nestled in an opening in this forest, and they can climb into a spacious tree house—all designed for people who use wheelchairs and other mobility devices.



Pine Tree Camp is committed to sustainable forestry to maintain forest health, enhance the quality recreational experience they offer,



and provide a sustainable source of income to support the overall purpose of the Camp. The Camp is a certified Tree Farm.

Pine Tree Camp is also a member of Sappi's Forest Stewardship Council® certified group. Sappi forester John Starrett worked on their most recent active management harvest in 2015-2016, with the help of Pine Tree Camp facility manager Harvey Chesley.

John Starrett has been involved with Pine Tree Camp for 25 years, beginning with oversight of improvement harvests in the 1990s. John applauds Harvey Chesley and the Board of the Pine Tree Society for recognizing the quality, diversity and value of the trees on their land, and understanding the importance of working with experienced foresters and loggers to fulfill their vision. Looking ahead, Starrett's hope is that Pine Tree Camp can sustain the long-view forestry management plan the same way they have for the past 75 years.

Pine Tree Camp was selected by the Maine Tree Farm Committee as the state's Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year for 2016. The camp also has been nominated for the American Tree Farm System's national award.

Pine Tree Camp will host the annual Tree Farm/SWOAM field day on September 10, 2016.

Featured Maine Mill Hancock Lumber

For the second year in a row, Hancock Lumber has been selected as one of the 2015 Best Places to Work in Maine. The pride in working for one of the oldest family-owned businesses in the U.S. was evident as Scott Pease, Hancock's wood buyer for their Pittsfield mill, led a tour of that mill. "Board quality is not easily identified by scanners, so trained graders sort each board. They are extremely fast and accurate" Pease comments. "Our buyers demand that every board be perfect. Hancock wins awards in grading competition."

The mill is a zero waste manufacturing operation. Computers analyze each log to be milled and each board to be trimmed to maximize the quality and quantity of boards. Any wood that cannot be milled is used for by-products including mulch, wood chips, shavings and fuel.

While touring the mill a third-party auditor is assessing compliance with the mill's FSC® chain of custody certification. Hancock Lumber is proud of its green building heritage and long history of land stewardship. The company owns 12,500 acres of timberland, and has a long-term relationship with Sappi to sustainably manage their forest operations.

Hancock's eastern white pine boards are sold

around the world. In 2011 Hancock Lumber was named the Maine International Trade Center's Exporter of the Year, with nearly 25% of their production sold outside of the U.S. Canada is their largest export market. Lowes is their largest customer, but Hancock's pine boards are also available at their ten retail locations throughout Maine and New Hampshire.



Maine's White Pine Needle Casts

White pine needle damage has recently been observed throughout New England. Symptoms consist of yellow and brown discoloration of infected needles over the course of a year, which are then shed during the following spring. This



Photo: Bruce Watt, University of Maine, Bugwood.org

damage has been attributed to needle cast and brown spot needle blight, both caused by fungus.

Several white pine needle cast diseases are known to occur in Maine. During the past several years, an increased incidence and severity of needle casts has been observed, probably as a result of the excessively wet seasons. These diseases have been observed on white pine throughout the state, but have been most severe in western and southern counties.

Management options are limited, but include maintaining healthy crown development with appropriate thinning protocols. Adequate spacing will also promote more rapid drying of needles, although in very wet years this may be of little help.

using it all

An Overview of Hancock Lumber's Process



The log is debarked and sliced like bread. The bark is used for mulch or fuel.



Each board is scanned; a computer determines the best cut to minimize waste



Boards are sorted by length and width and graded



All material not used for boards goes to by-products

tree facts: eastern white pine

Eastern White Pine occurs in all localities in the state, but grows especially well in the south. The tree grows rapidly—an average of 1 foot or more in height each year—but takes 80 -100 years to grow to maturity.

Maine is the leading white pine lumber producing state in the nation, manufacturing approximately 200 million board feet of pine lumber each year. JD Irving, Hancock Lumber, and Robbins Lumber produce approximately 90% of this total, with more than 50 pine board mills producing the remainder.



White pine lumber has played an important part in the economy of Maine since colonial times. Disputes with England over ownership of tall white pines used for ship masts contributed to the Revolutionary war. The Pine Tree State is Maine's nickname, while the white pine cone and tassel is the official state flower.

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Sappi Maine Forester: Bryan Savoy

Bryan Savoy was born in Ohio, but grew up in Vermont. He developed his love for outdoor work, working both in the woods and fields on a Vermont farm. He attended the University of Maine, graduating in 1997 with a B.S. in Forestry.

After college, Bryan returned to farm life in Vermont, supervising logging crews and working as a forest technician among other things. In 2000 he moved back to Maine with his wife, who hails from Old Town, where he ran a crane and merchandised logs at A.W. Madden, Inc. in Milford.

Bryan moved on to positions with McPherson Timberlands, Plum Creek, and Dirigo Timberlands, working as an Operations and Marketing Forester. Bryan supervised merchandising yards, and improved log sorting practices to reduce “leakage” (higher value logs loaded with lower value logs or pulpwood).

Bryan admires Sappi’s investment in R&D, the company’s willingness to change and diversify, their stability in Maine, and their global reach, and was delighted to take his current position with Sappi in 2014. “I get to work with an unbelievable group of foresters and contractors—the best around,” he says.

A licensed Maine Forester, Bryan works with landowners on the management of their woodlands, procures standing timber, and is expanding Sappi’s computer mapping capabilities. “I recently oversaw a second harvest on land I first managed 15 years ago,” he tells me. “It was rewarding knowing that the landowner wanted me back, and seeing that how well the harvest plan worked.” He says that most of his new clients come as referrals through word of mouth.

Outside of work, Bryan says that his life revolves around his family. He and his wife have three children. Bryan helps coach their team sports, and enjoys boating, camping, fishing and hunting.



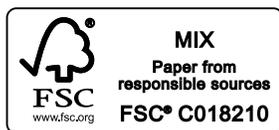
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