



**FOREVER**  
MARYLAND

**2021 MARYLAND LAND  
CONSERVATION  
CONFERENCE**

JULY 13-14, 2021

PRESERVING WITH A PURPOSE



MFA ENVISIONS A FUTURE IN WHICH VIBRANT FORESTS ARE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE STATE, PROVIDING DIVERSE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS TO ALL.

Our membership includes:



Forest Landowners  
&  
Tree Farmers



Foresters  
&  
Natural Resource Professionals



Hunt Clubs  
&  
Recreational Groups



Logging  
&  
Trucking Companies



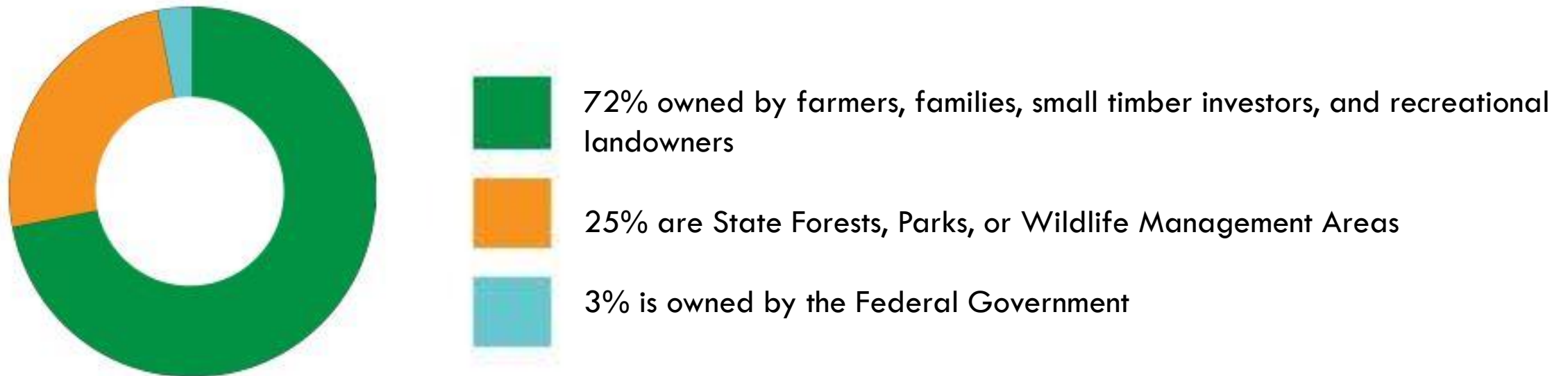
Primary & Secondary  
Forest Product  
Manufacturers



Concerned Citizens,  
Organizations &  
Students

# PRIVATE FAMILY FOREST LANDOWNERS ACCOUNT FOR OVER 70% OF MFA'S MEMBERSHIP.

Who owns the forest???



## PRIVATE FORESTS, PUBLIC BENEFITS.

*Source: The United States  
Department of Agriculture, Forests in  
Maryland 2018*



# WHAT MFA MEMBERS ARE SAYING:

## REASONS FOR OWNING:

Beauty or Scenery

Wildlife Habitat

Privacy

Water Protection

Future Income

Family Legacy

## REASONS FOR CONCERN:

Lack of Markets

Forest Health

Development Pressure

Insects & Invasives

Government Regulations

Public Perception

Climate Change/ Wildfire

Taxes & Succession Planning

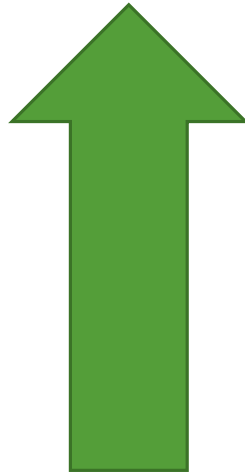


# WE ALL WANT THE CLEAN AIR , WATER, & ABUNDANT WILDLIFE THAT VIBRANT FORESTS PROVIDE.

... so, what's the worry? For decades in Maryland, we have been experiencing:



- Mill Capacity
- Export Markets
- Public Perception
- Skilled Workforce
- Logging Companies
- Available Timberland



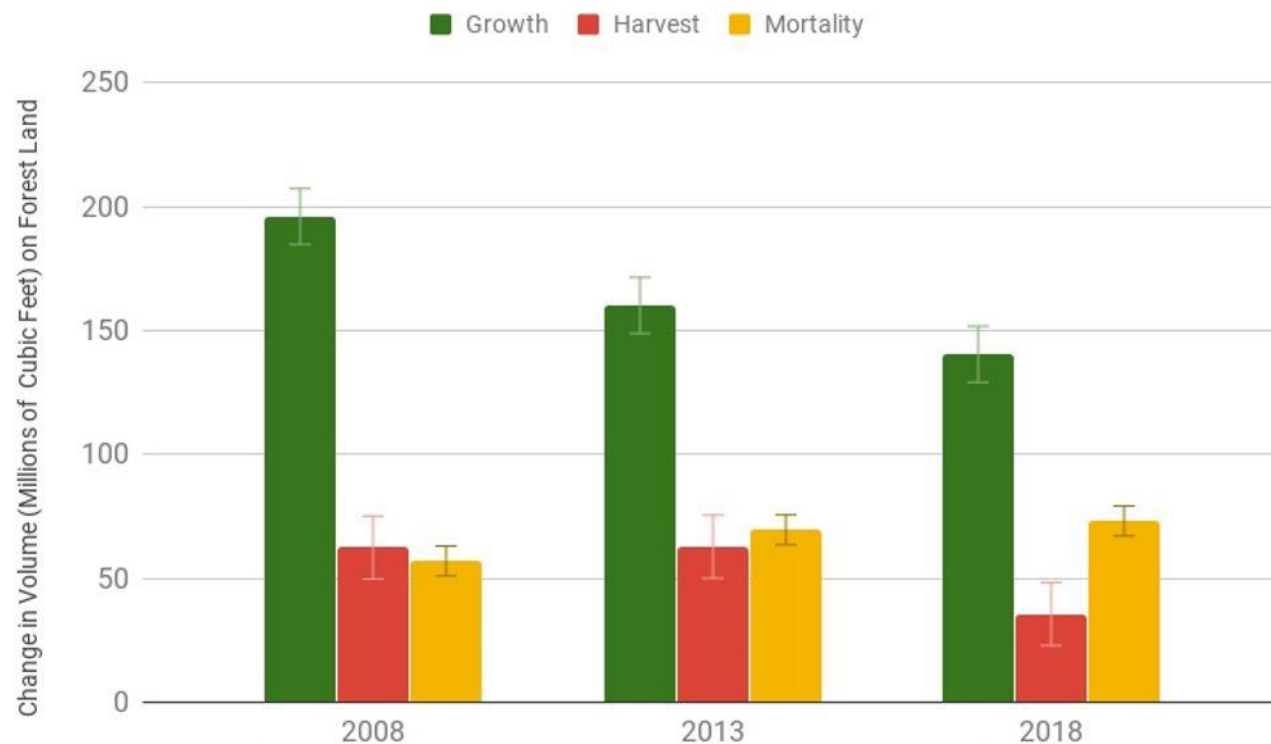
- Forest Loss- Development
- Fragmentation
- Overstocked Forests
- Tree Mortality
- Insect and Disease Invasion
- Deer Browse Damage

**“THE FOREST THAT PAYS, STAYS.”**

*For more info visit: [www.mdforests.org/maryland-forests](http://www.mdforests.org/maryland-forests)  
To view the Maryland Forestry Economic Strategy Summary and the DNR 2021 Forest Action Plan*

# GROWTH EXCEEDS REMOVALS. HARVESTING IS DECLINING AND NATURAL MORTALITY IS INCREASING.

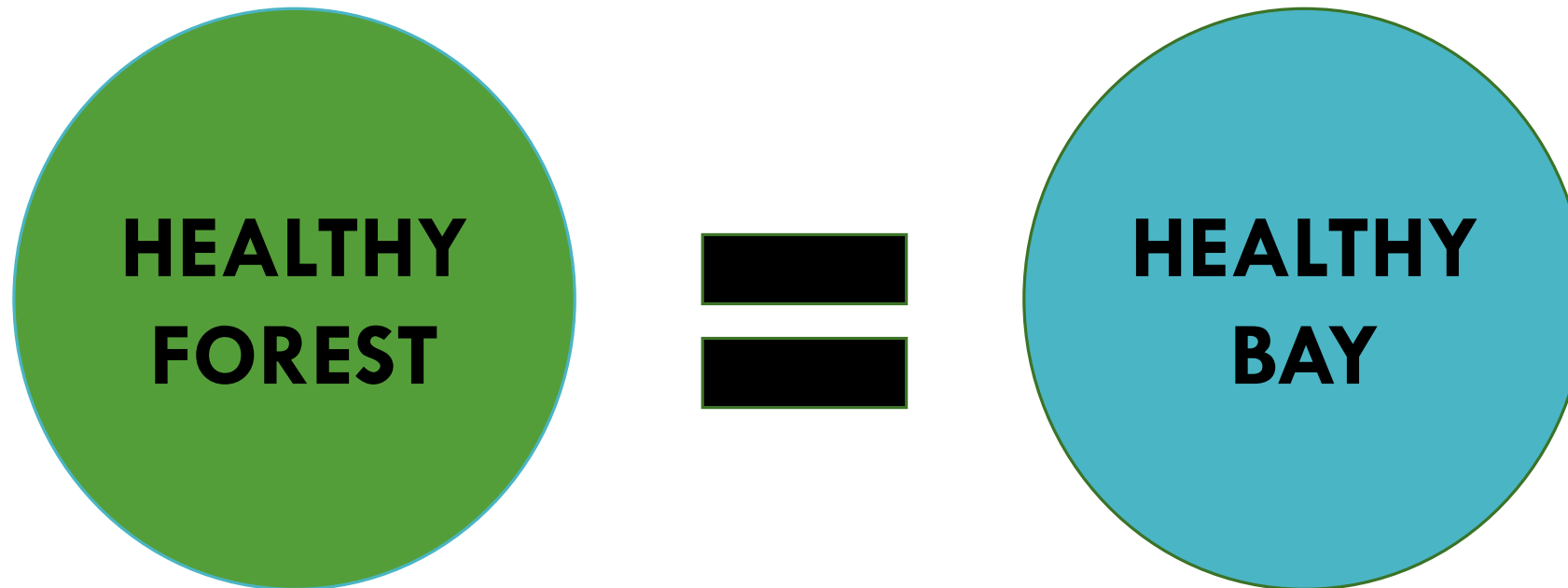
The data doesn't lie.....



FOREST MANAGEMENT IS  
A SCIENTIFIC PRACTICE  
THAT IS HIGHLY REGULATED IN MARYLAND.  
FORESTRY IS **NOT** DEVELOPMENT.

*Graph Source: Maryland  
Department of Natural Resources-  
Forest Action Plan Draft- Nov. 2020*

THE NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED “*SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY ACT OF 2009*” DECLARES THE NEXUS BETWEEN SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY MANAGEMENT AND A HEALTHIER CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED.



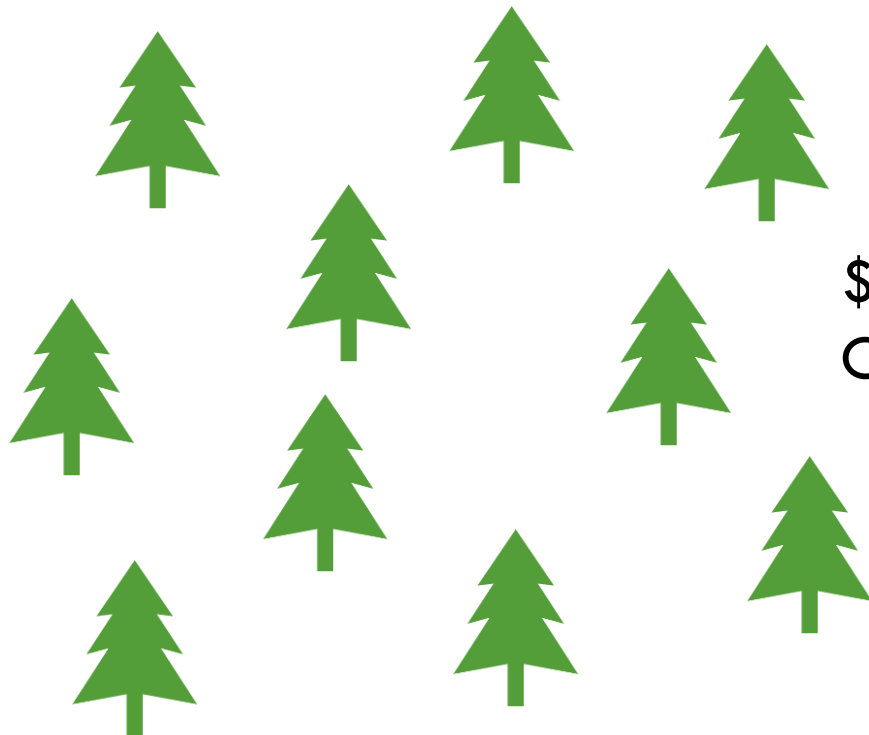
Source: Chapter 175, Acts of 2009

Initiatives advanced in the Act remain a challenge.



# THE FORESTRY SECTOR IN MARYLAND IS 10 TIMES LARGER THAN THE SEAFOOD SECTOR.

Who knew????



\$3.5 Billion vs. \$350 Million  
Contributed to the state economy.





# MFA IS MARYLAND'S VOICE FOR FOREST, WILDLIFE, AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.

How to make your voice heard...



## BE ENGAGED. PARTNERSHIPS MATTER.





Stomp out misconceptions!!!

**BE PROACTIVE, NOT REACTIVE.  
TELL YOUR STORY!!!  
JOIN COMMITTEES, BOARDS,  
AND ORGANIZATIONS.**







## Present unified answers to common questions.

- Will we have forests forever?
- Will logging deplete our forests?
- What is a forester?
- Who owns our forests?
- So, what's the worry?
- Can trees help clean the Chesapeake Bay?
- Can forests help mitigate climate change issues?
- Can wood be harvested renewably?
- What is forest management?
- Do you have to plant trees?

## MARYLAND'S FORESTS

Great for the Environment and the Economy







MEET, EDUCATE, &  
ADVOCATE- BEFORE  
THERE'S AN ISSUE. INVITE  
LOCAL LEADERS. THEY  
WANT TO HEAR FROM  
YOU!!!



## MARYLAND'S FORESTS:

**GREAT FOR THE  
ENVIRONMENT  
AND THE ECONOMY**

Join us for the 2021 Regional Meetings hosted by Maryland Forests Association and the Maryland Tree Farm System.

Hear from industry experts about the state of Maryland forestry, market opportunities, and how conservation and utilization are equally important elements of sustainable forestry.

Events are FREE, registration is required





# CELEBRATE THE VICTORIES!!! RIBBON CUTTINGS, AWARDS, FUNDING, SCHOLARSHIPS.....

Photo credit: Stephen  
Badger/Maryland Department of  
Natural Resources





# WHAT'S NEXT???

Assisting in the Implementation of the EAS, Faces of Forestry, Podcasts, Tours and more.....







**ELIZABETH D. HILL,**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MARYLAND FORESTS ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 332  
LINKWOOD, MD  
21835

410-463-1755

[BETH@MDFORESTS.ORG](mailto:BETH@MDFORESTS.ORG)

[WWW.MDFORESTS.ORG](http://WWW.MDFORESTS.ORG)

