

Forest Conservation Advisory Committee
Minutes
March 19, 2013

ATTENDEES

Members

Bob Benson
Mark Buscaino
Andrew Der
Kim Knox
Dan Landry
Caren Madsen
Laura Miller (DEP), ex officio
David Myers
Katherine Nelson, (M-NCPPC), ex officio
David Plummer (MSCD), ex officio
Doug Sievers (WSSC), ex officio
Linda Silversmith

Absent members

Ginny Barnes
David Kuykendall (DPS), ex officio
Brett Linkletter (DPWT), ex officio
Jeff Schwartz
Jason Sheer
Kevin Smith
Dan Snyder
Clark Wagner

Others attending

Stan Edwards, DEP Staff
Jeff Antmann, DEP

MINUTES

The Forest Conservation Advisory Committee met as scheduled on March 19, 2013. The minutes for the January and February, 2013, meetings were approved with minor changes.

Stan Edwards, DEP, provided a brief update on the pending Tree Canopy Conservation and Roadside Tree bills. The Committee also discussed HB 706 relating to no net loss of forests and other statewide forest and tree conservation programs.

The Committee reviewed laws and regulations of other local jurisdictions in the region and nationwide.

The Committee reviewed a draft letter to the County Executive and the County Council addressing street trees, particularly stump removals.

To further the discussion of a county-wide inventory of both street trees and trees across the landscape, Laura presented estimates of number of plots needed to make accurate assessments of species composition, size, and basis health of the two populations using i-Tree.

Katherine presented information on the extent and distribution of tree canopy in the highly urbanized central business districts.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2013.