



FOREST CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MEMORANDUM**

May 19, 2014

TO: Isiah Leggett  
County Executive

FROM: John Pierson, Chair  
Forest Conservation Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: 2013 Annual Report

The Forest Conservation Advisory Committee is pleased to congratulate you on your many forestry related accomplishments over the past year. We would also like to thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts regarding our county's forests and trees.

Although the Committee is aware of many 2013 accomplishments, we would like to specifically highlight the following:

- Enacting Bill 35-12 (Tree Canopy Conservation) to preserve tree canopy, and
- Enacting Bill 41-12 (Roadside Tree Protection) to protect trees in the right-of-way.

If there are any specific objectives you would like the committee to address in the future, please let us know. Some objectives we unanimously believe would benefit Montgomery County are:

- Inventory - Identify what information about our existing trees and forests would be most helpful for county managers, in order for them to make wise and informed decisions about this resource.
- Plant - Work to reestablish trees, canopy, and forest on public property throughout the county. This includes neighborhood streets, parks, cloverleaves, schools, and other public facilities. A strategy should be developed to identify these areas and begin planting trees on them in cooperation with local communities and organizations.
- Maintain – Define a long-term tree planting and maintenance strategy that will support a well distributed canopy comprised of trees with a well balanced diversity of species and sizes.
- Educate – Inform the public on tree care, tree benefits, and how to become involved in tree related activities.

We look forward to working with you, the Montgomery County Council, and others to enhance Montgomery County's forest resources.

cc: Craig Rice, President, Montgomery County Council  
Bob Hoyt, Director, DEP