

ADVANCING SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH FOREST FOCUSED COLLABORATION



November 2023

REGISTER FOR SFI'S CONSERVATION SOUNDING BOARD WORKSHOP

The virtual workshop takes place November 16, 2023, at 1:30 P.M. ET and will focus on presenting SFI [Conservation Impact Project](#) results in the form of a new Climate Smart Forestry handbook and engaging participants in an interactive session to inform the future strategic direction of SFI. Join for an opportunity to learn more about SFI's conservation activities, research, and collaboration.

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NOVEMBER 16, 2023

1:30-3:30PM ET



SFI'S CONSERVATION IMPACT SOUNDING BOARD

Virtual Workshop



SFI WELCOMES MICHAEL NADLER

SFI is pleased to welcome Mr. Michael Nadler, CEO of [Ducks Unlimited Canada](#), to our Board of Directors.

Throughout his career, Mr. Nadler has demonstrated great passion, commitment, and leadership in conservation, and SFI is pleased to have the opportunity to work with him in support of SFI's mission to advance sustainability through forest-focused collaboration.

[Read press release](#)

SFI is thrilled to have Michael join our Board of Directors with his passion, commitment and leadership in conservation.



MICHAEL NADLER
CEO
Ducks Unlimited Canada



SFI ATTENDS THE WORLD FORUM ON URBAN FORESTS

SFI attended the [2nd World Forum on Urban Forests](#) in Washington, D.C., from October 15-20. We heard from global urban forestry leaders and were pleased to raise our voices alongside them, participating in this important gathering with many partners who helped contribute to the new [SFI standard](#), and who continue to elevate the importance of green infrastructure and nature-based solutions to human health, disparity, and environmental sustainability.

Kathy Abusow, President and CEO of SFI, moderated the panel, *Creating the Policy and Legal Framework to Support the Role of Urban Forests as Public Health Infrastructure*, and led the discussion around global policy and legal frameworks to support the role of urban forests as public health infrastructure. Paul Johnson, Senior Director of Urban and Community Forestry at SFI, also presented on the *Paving the Way for a Global Urban Forestry Movement* panel to discuss the urban forestry movement and the need for opportunity that inspired the new SFI standard.

[Learn more](#)



SFI RECEIVES SAF EMPLOYER LEADERSHIP AWARD

SFI's mission to advance sustainability through forest-focused collaboration is powered by hard-working and passionate professionals, many of whom are proud members of the [Society of American Foresters](#) (SAF). SFI is thrilled to receive the SAF Employer Leadership Award and remains unwavering in our commitment to supporting employees in pursuing professional development and giving back to their communities.

[Watch video](#)



Rocco Saracina
Senior Manager, Partnerships and Development
Sustainable Forestry Initiative

BIRDS FOR ALL

Kathy Abusow, President and CEO of SFI, participated in a Birds for All Educator Webinar. Kathy presented with Mike Parr, President of the [American Bird Conservancy](#) (ABC), and Judy Braus, Executive Director of the [North American Association for Environmental Education](#) (NAAEE). The event had over 550 advance registrants from 26 countries!

PLT's *Together for Birds* activity collection was featured as an exemplary resource that uses birds to create fun, inclusive, and authentic learning experiences. **Available as a free download until December 31, 2023.**

[Download Together for Birds](#)



BUILDING WITH CERTIFIED MASS TIMBER

SFI-certified [Yakama Nation forest products](#) from Oregon and Washington are featured in Portland International Airport's new roof. [Building with SFI-certified wood](#), including cross-laminated timber (CLT), glue-laminated timber (glulam), and other mass timber products, is a good choice because the wood comes from sustainably managed forests and helps mitigate climate change today and in the future.

[Learn more](#)



FOREST LOVERS CELEBRATE BAT WEEK

When thinking about bats, you might be reminded of the saying "blind as a bat" or remember one of the many movie scenes where a bat is tangled in someone's hair—or perhaps the fangs associated with blood-sucking vampires. We at SFI would like to clear up a few of these misconceptions and share our appreciation for the ways forests and bats work together.

[Explore how forests and bats work together](#)



WOMEN'S ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Jerri Taylor, Director of Career Pathways and Diversity at SFI, attended the [Women's Environmental Leadership Summit](#) from September 14–17. SFI was thrilled to have Jerri moderate a panel focused on sharing lived experiences and valuable insights with the next generation of foresters and conservationists.

[Read more](#)



LUMBERJILLS COMPETITION

SFI proudly sponsored GIS and Conservation Coordinator Carley Archibald and her team at the [Canadian Intercollegiate Lumberjack Association](#) competition at the University of New Brunswick, supporting and inspiring the next generation of lumberjills!

[Take a look](#)



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