

### TREES, TECHNOLOGY, AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN SUSTAINABILITY TODAY

Kathy Abusow, President and CEO of SFI Inc. and Vicki Christiansen, Chief of the USDA Forest Service are featured in a *Sustainability Today* article: [Trees, Tech, and Climate Change](#). The article takes an inside look at the technologies used across U.S. forests.

Kathy and Vicki share their insights on how forest management is a complex science that requires advanced technology, collaboration, and an eye toward sustainability. LIDAR, drones, and DNA testing are just some of the advanced technologies that the forest sector is embracing.

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### PROJECT LEARNING TREE RECOGNIZED BY USDA, ACCREDITED FOR CLIMATE EDUCATION BY CLEANET.ORG



The USDA Forest Service funded a project to research grade K-12 resources that introduce youth to nature, trees, arboriculture, and urban forestry. Sixty five [resources](#) were identified, including PLT. The [final report](#) also features a PLT case study.

Three activities from PLT's [Southeastern Forests and Climate Change](#) guide have been selected for inclusion in the [Climate Literacy and Energy Awareness Network \(CLEAN\) collection](#) of educational resources. CLEANet.org is an internationally recognized portal, funded by the National Science Foundation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Department of Energy. It features high-quality online resources that have passed [rigorous review by scientists and educators](#). CLEANet.org has over half a million annual visitors.



### CANADIAN CABINET MINISTERS MCKENNA AND MONSEF ENGAGE YOUTH AT GREEN JOBS EVENTS IN OTTAWA AND PETERBOROUGH

About two dozen youth were on hand on August 12 to greet Zac Wagman, PLT Canada Green Jobs Manager, as his cross-country bike tour arrived in Ottawa to [celebrate International Youth Day](#). The [Green Ride for Green Jobs](#) is inspiring young Canadians to pursue careers in forestry and conservation. Wagman cycled along the Rideau River to a local park with Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Mona Fortier, MP, Mathieu Fleury, Ottawa City Councillor, Kathy Abusow, President and CEO of PLT Canada, and about 15 other cyclists, including green jobs youth and partners.

Encouraging Canada's youth to [see a path to working in a sustainable green job](#) was at the heart of a coffee-fueled collaboration between Maryam Monsef, Minister of International Development and Minister for Women and Gender Equality, Green Jobs Manager and Green Ride cyclist Zac Wagman, PLT Canada staff and partners, and 30 youth at the Bean Café in Peterborough, Ontario, on August 2.



## SFI CONSERVATION GRANTS

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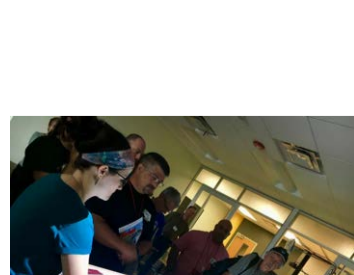
### SFI SUPPORTS TWO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GREATER OTTAWA BUILDS TO HELP INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND YOUTH

SFI partners and friends were on hand August 21 for a Habitat for Humanity Greater Ottawa youth build. Representatives from the Child and Nature Alliance, Earth Rangers and Scouts Canada joined SFI staff and youth on a build that will add 16 townhouses to Ottawa's affordable housing stock. The build included great informal conversations about how SFI and PLT Canada can work with various youth groups to improve and expand on current programming. The build also provided youth an opportunity to support the community through volunteerism.

An earlier build on the same site focused on Indigenous youth and brought together forest sector and non-profit leaders. Tungasuvvingat Inuit, a multi-sector hub for Inuit of all ages, and the Outland Youth Employment Program, which works towards equity and opportunity for Indigenous youth were there. Representatives from Domtar, the Forest Products Association of Canada, and the Conference Board of Canada also participated. The build was a chance for SFI to help address important issues like Indigenous housing and youth empowerment.

### SFI SPONSORS ENVIROTHON IN NORTH CAROLINA

SFI sponsored the 2019 National Conservation Foundation-Envirothon competition, held July 28 – August 2 at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. The Envirothon is a hands-on environmental problem-solving competition for high school-aged students in the United States, Canada, and beyond.



Project Learning Tree hosted a [forest and water-focused workshop](#) for 32 Envirothon Advisors from the USA, Canada, and China with training focused on using GIS technologies to teach complex environmental issues.