SFI IN BRIEF

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- What’s New at IUCN and the Conservation Impact Project

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- Front Lines of the Fight for Forestry Excellence- North Carolina SFI Implementation Committee

The Michigan’s SFI Implementation Committee turned out for the annual Forestry Excellence Awards Dinner, where the Conservation Achievement Award went to Jimmy Bullock, Senior Vice President, Forest Sustainability, at Resource Management Service, LLC. The award is given in recognition of excellence in forest conservation and community engagement, with plenty of discussion on forestry and deforestation. Watch the video and give the video a thumbs up on YouTube if you like. You can also contact Kathy Abusow, President and CEO of SFI, at kathy.abusow@sfiprogram.org for more information. The video features one of the award winners, Marcia Dennis, who has been a leader in sustainable forestry for over 20 years. It’s an inspiring story of how one person can make a difference.

- Why Families Matter

The Forest, Rather than the Tree.

It was a great conference with over 300 people attended the TEDxWilmington speaker series held in Calgary, Montreal, and Toronto and discussed the many benefits forests provide to businesses and communities. This conference focused on the importance of sustainable forestry and the role families play in ensuring a healthy environment for future generations. Click here to view the TEDxWilmington speaker series.

- Biodiversity: An Education Project

Amanda Joule and Brian Baktash of the University of British Columbia’s School of Resources, Environment and Sustainability, and a group of Grade 9 students from the Shuswap Elementary School in Williams Lake, B.C., worked with NCC to create a biodiversity education project. The project involved building a new Amphibian Habitat Education Centre at the NCC’s Greening of Detroit’s Citizen Forester Program. This project is a large-scale initiative that aims to raise awareness about the importance of biodiversity and the role forests play in maintaining healthy ecosystems. The project is supported in part by World Wildlife Fund Canada, but more funds are needed so please consider donating to this important project.

- Earth Rangers and SFI Through Educate on Amphibian Habitat

Through a collaboration between Nature Conservancy of Canada, Earth Rangers, and SFI, the education program also provided subflooring and Huber contributed roof and wall materials for the school. The provided materials were donated by Kapstone Paper and Packaging, Norbord and Southland Industries. The program also considered the most prestigious conservation honor in Canada, the Conservation Achievement Award. Congratulations to the many SFI Implementation Committees that were recognized for their efforts in forest conservation this year by SFI’s Conservation and Community Engagement Committee. The award was presented at the annual SFI Implementation Committee conference.

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