

Troy Firth

Lifetime Conservation Leadership Award



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Conservation Conference*



“Troy has taught me to truly think about what ‘perpetuity’ means to a piece of land. The lifespan of a forest, if cared for, is far greater than any of us. In the woods, Troy thinks and manages on a time scale that matches that of both the forest ecosystem and the Foundation for Sustainable Forests as an organization. To do so takes patience, humility, and a unique long-term view.”

Annie Socci
Executive Director
Foundation for Sustainable Forests



“Quiet dignity is the most fitting term I can use to describe Troy Firth. If you are fortunate enough to be around Troy in a woodland setting, you know immediately that here is a man that treats nature very differently than most others. His list of accomplishments are many and the results of his conservation efforts are nothing short of inspiring, but what really sets him apart is his ‘art and science’ approach to forestry.”

Bob Slagter

Board Member

Foundation for Sustainable Forests



“A couple years after I met Troy, he was giving me a tour of a property. Troy and I were looking over a clear-cut when I looked at my watch and realized I was already half an hour late for dinner with my entire family. I politely asked Troy how long it would take to get to the truck, because I was late. Troy looked out over the clear-cut and the setting sun and said ‘Tom, that’s the difference between you and me; I would rather look at a clear-cut than eat.’”

Tom Hoffman

Board Member

Foundation for Sustainable Forests



“Troy is quietly passionate about forests and the environment, and demonstrates this through his commitment to sustaining the land and rural communities that depend on forests. His vision for conserving forests speaks to his environmental ethic and provides a model for caring well for the land. He has been, for me and many others, an inspiration for advancing the conversation about conservation of working forests.”

Jim Finley

Director

Penn State Center for Private Forests



“On behalf of the board and staff of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, I want to congratulate Troy on this well-deserved award. I have seen personally how Troy manages forests, and he sets the bar like no other. I have always had the highest respect for Troy, his commitment to conservation, and his excellence in conservation and forest-management practices.”

Tom Saunders

President and CEO

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy



“I and the rest of DCNR would like to congratulate Troy on receiving PALTA’s Lifetime Conservation Leadership Award. Troy is one of the strongest advocates for reading the history of the land and conserving Pennsylvania’s forests as sustainable, working forests in perpetuity. We wish Troy continued success in all his future stewardship efforts.”

Cindy Adams Dunn

Secretary

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

“Troy is known for his efforts to help educate, inform, and demonstrate sustainable forest-management practices and a wise conservation land ethic. Troy is dedicated to promoting his ‘worst first’ concept, which encourages maintaining — if not improving — the quality of forests. Congratulations, Troy!”

Cecile Stelter
District Manager
Cornplanter State Forest



“He is not a waster of words, and I think this is because he is confident both of his knowledge and the limits of his knowledge. He has a reliable sense of humor and is generous with his knowledge, but he generally keeps quiet until he has something worthwhile to say. The result is that when he talks, you listen, and you are apt to be surprised at how much you remember of what he has said.”

Wendell Berry
Author

