

Cecil Forest Conservancy District Board

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 6th, 2023

6PM @ Black Hill Ranger Station

Attendees:

Gabrielle Oldham	Ron Anderson	Dori Murphy
John Bennett	Tom Frederick	Katie Kranich
Kathie Jarmon	Matt Spiroff	

Gabrielle brought the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

The November meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the board via email on 11/20/23.

Treasurer's report

- John gave the treasurers report.
- No new changes were made to the Board's accounts. The Board's CD at Cecil Bank is good until June 2024.

Maryland Big Tree Program Update:

- John gave the county report, and his report is provided below:

MBTP Report – November

For Cecil –Paige Howard was contacted and agreed to host FB members on Saturday, 12/9, at Mt. Harmon. A golf cart will be available. Ms. Howard would not waive the \$10 day pass fee if we decided to include the Mt. Harmon trees on the proposed Cecil County South Driving Tour.

John contacted the regional forester for Constellation Energy to request permission to measure trees on their property along the Susquehanna. He promised to discuss it with his bosses and get back to me. So far there has been no return contact.

John has learned that Constellation Energy has donated over 100 acres of wooded property to Susquehanna State Park on the Cecil side of the river. The State has not yet completed the deed transfer.

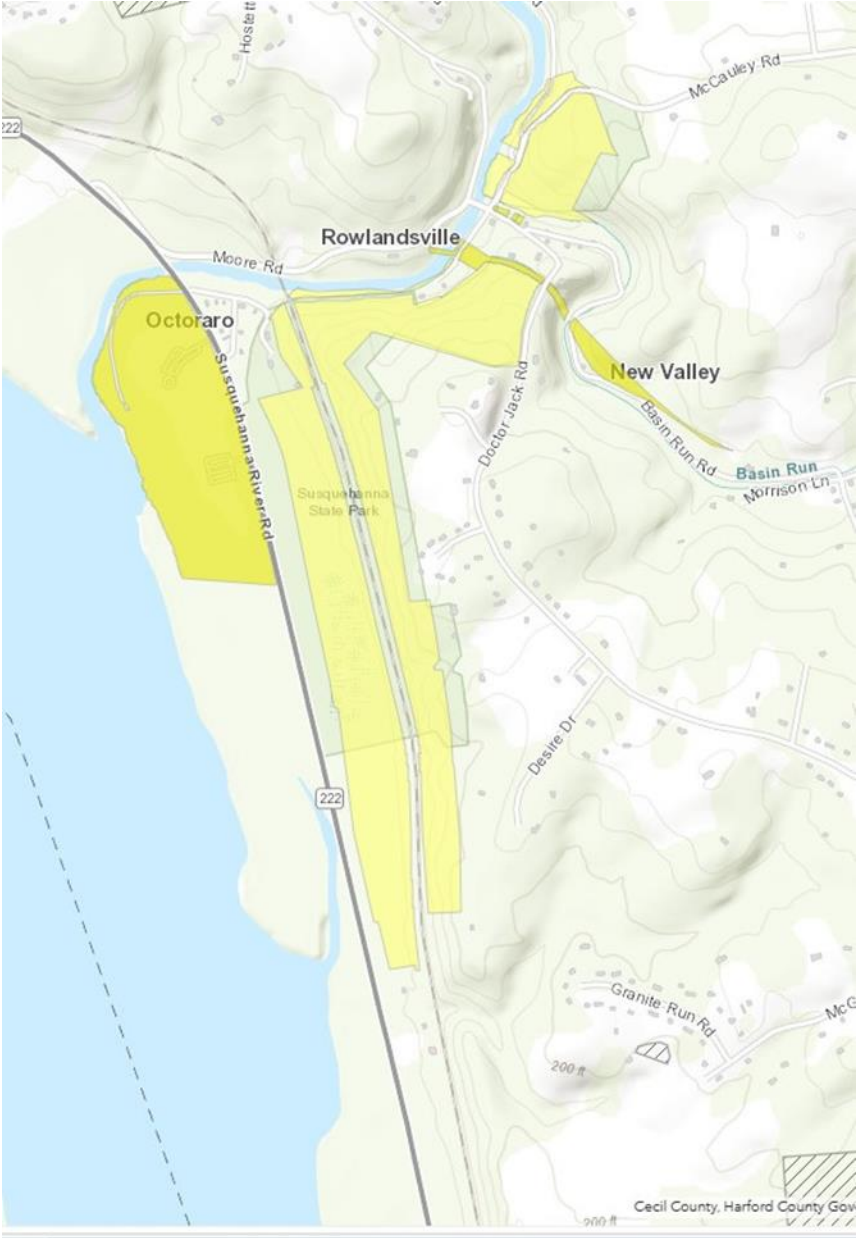


Figure 1. Parcel map showing parcels referenced in MD Big Tree Program Report.

State – 17 trees were measured or re-measured in November. **18** were new trees and **1** was a re-measurement. Specifics below:

Howard – 9 new

Baltimore – 5 new

Carroll – 1 new, 1 old

Frederick – 1 new

7 Howard trees were discovered and measured by **Marc Lipnick, Baltimore County Forestry Board**, assisted by **Lawrence Hunter, Howard County Forestry Board**. The trees are in the Orange Grove section of Patapsco Valley State Park.

2 Howard trees are privately owned and measured by **Geary Schwemmer and Jim Cobb, Carroll County Forestry Board**.

4 Baltimore trees were discovered by Marc and measured by Marc and **Linda Barker, Baltimore County Forestry Board**. These trees are located at Oregon Ridge in Baltimore County. The other tree is privately owned and measured by Marc and Linda.

2 Carroll trees were measured by **Geary and Jim**. One is privately owned. The other, a white oak, is owned by Baltimore City on the edge of Liberty Dam Reservoir in Carroll County. It was last measured in 1991 and was presumed lost. Geary and Jim did some exploring and found it again.

1 Frederick tree measured by **Bruce Phillips and DNR Forester Dakota Durcho**. It is a black oak at the Green Meadows Petting Zoo. It is a public access tree and the new Frederick County Champion.



Black Oak – Frederick



White Oak - Carroll

Figure 2. Trees referenced in MD Big Tree Program Report.



Scarlet Oak - Oregon Ridge

Yellow Poplar - Oregon Ridge

Figure 3. Trees referenced in MD Big Tree Program Report.



Pignut Hickory - Orange Grove, PVSP

Yellow Poplar - Orange Grove, PVSP

Figure 4. Additional trees referenced in MD Big Tree Program Report.

Natural Resources Career Camp (NRCC) Update:

- Gabrielle gave the NRCC Update:
- The Maryland Forestry Foundation website will be updated soon. Updated information for NRCC 2024 will be available soon.
- Gabrielle will be a part of a webinar representing NRCC to be hosted by the Maryland Forestry Foundation in January. Information will be given on the camp. Webinar to be held on January 18th, 2024.

Website Update:

Ron gave the update:

- The November meeting minutes were posted to the board's website in December.
- The December meeting agenda was uploaded to the website in December.
- Updated the concolor fir county champion tree listing.

Old Business:

- The DNR Forest Service is not running the 5th Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest in 2024. The contest will tentatively return in 2025.

New Business:

- A number of tree measuring activities were planned by the board to take place in December to update MBTP records.
- Discussion of All Trails App to provide publicly accessible phone based mapping of listed MBTP trees.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

The next meeting will be held on January 3rd, at 6:00 PM.