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Kentucky Forestry Community Rallies for Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief

Heavy rains in late July caused devastating flooding in eastern Kentucky destroying homes, timber stands and forestry research laboratories. Many forestry-related partners acted quickly to provide on-the-ground equipment and supplies as well as longer term financial support for housing, forest industry facilities and forest restoration. See the KWOA website for extensive listings that address recent tornado and flood disasters.

The **Kentucky Division of Forestry** has had staff on the ground from the beginning (nearly 100% of KDF staff) they helped clear roads and deliver basic supplies like food and water. **UK Forestry Extension Staff** have also been on the ground.

Kentucky Chapter Association of Consulting Foresters members gathered in southwestern Kentucky in June to discuss the impacts of natural disasters on forest management. They discussed how federally declared disasters relate to taxes and forest management. They conducted a site visit to the University of Kentucky Agriculture Research Center that underwent significant tornado damage on December 10, 2021. There they discussed how to plan recovery efforts and management plans to address forest resources affected by these disasters.

The Kentucky Forest Industries Association Foundation has

established a Flood Relief Fund to help our forest industry families with immediate and long-term needs brought on by this disaster.

[The Kentucky Forest Industries Flood Relief Fund](#) is specifically for those associated with the forest industry - loggers, saw millers, truckers, support staff, etc. - and their immediate families. The money raised will go directly to those impacted by the recent floods.

To donate by check, address to:
Kentucky Forest Industries
Flood Relief Fund
106 Progress Drive
c/o KFIA
Frankfort, KY 40601-8695



"As you probably know the recent flooding in eastern Kentucky counties is actually more devastating than what has been shown on the news. The Kentucky Forest Industries Association has officially started a fund raising effort to assist wood industry related families in eastern Kentucky to assist them in primarily repairing and rebuilding their homes. Any support and assistance you can provide in getting the word out would be very much appreciated."

- Bob Bauer, KFIA Director

A Message From Your President

Hello and Goodbye

No sooner than it gets started, it's over. Summer that is. Everyone is so anxious (in the excited translation of the word "anxious") for spring to arrive to see those first signs of bursting buds and the new year's growth beginning. Then we become anxious (in the worried translation of the word "anxious") that a late frost will affect a tree's leaves and buds that define shape and growth.

Many of us are managing our woodlands and modest concerns like these are noted throughout a tree's life cycle. Early spring is followed by early summer where we continue to watch for the possibility of other issues that can affect our woodlands, the possibility of a wildland fire or, just as damaging, an infestation of insects. Annually, we know that our woodlands are growing, ever so slowly, for some 80 to 100 years until the trees become economically mature. Raising a woodland is as involved as watching over children as they grow to maturity.

During my studies while in forestry school, I remember seeing in a textbook a paragraph and chart explaining that a tree's growth

accelerates throughout the spring up until about the 4th of July.

Then begins the long process of slowly shutting down. July is only the middle of our traditional summer activities but for a tree in our woodlands things are slowing down long before the traditional end of our summer, the Labor Day weekend.

Fall always brings a new look to our woodland surroundings. All of us enjoy seeing the milder days and cooler evenings leading up to the diversified color change in our diversified Appalachian woodlands. As the years of time have changed our forests, we are reminded often by the professional foresters that consult with us regarding our woodlands that there is a need to update our management objectives as these slow annual rings of each of our woodland trees continue to be added in the growth progress of the tree.

The late lingering months of the year are here, a good time to revisit our woodlands and appreciate them for all the benefits that they provide, not only to us, but the countless others benefitting from

the products of our diversified woodlands in Kentucky. Please take the time to slow down and take advantage of either your woodlands or the woodlands of others.

**Thanks to all,
-- Doug McLaren,
KWOA/KWOF President**



2022 Calendar of Events



Fall Forest Fire Hazard Season

Oct. 1 - Dec. 15

<https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Forestry/wildland-fire-management/Pages/Outdoor-Burning-Laws.aspx>

Riparian Management Field Day

Oct. 14 | 10am- 2pm ET

Knobs State Forest

Register: <https://forms.gle/NbAKXeedD2rcdiBD6>

Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters Fall Meeting

Oct. 27

Hardin County Extension Office

<https://kacf.org>

2022 Kentucky Maple School

Nov. 5 | 9am-Noon ET

via Zoom

<https://ky-maplesyrup.ca.uky.edu/ky-maple-school>

KWOA/F Board Training and Quarterly Meeting

Nov. 10 | 10am-12pm training;

12pm-2pm meeting

Kentucky State University Farm

1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601

**Take state route 127 south from I-64. You will be turning to the left when traveling south on 127 towards Lawrenceburg. The turn is only several miles south of I-64.*

Kentucky Forestry Community Rallies for Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief (continued)

Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation team up to support Eastern Kentucky flood victims

The KBF for Kentucky Relief Fund was set up to raise money to assist with the natural disasters in Eastern and Western Kentucky. One hundred percent of the money raised by the fund is being used to support organizations providing relief services in affected areas. The KBF for Kentucky Relief Fund is **managed by the Kentucky Farm Bureau Education Foundation**. Funds collected will be administered to aid flooding victims in the next weeks and months as recovery efforts get underway.

<https://www.kyagr.com/ky-agnews/press-releases/2022/KDA-Kentucky-Farm-Bureau-team-up-to-support-Eastern-Kentucky-flood-victims.html>



Through the KBF for Kentucky Relief Fund, grants have been awarded to Christian Appalachian Project, God's Pantry, and Mountain Cattlemen's Association as they work to rebuild Eastern Kentucky after the devastating flooding.

To make a tax-deductible donation to this relief fund online, please visit www.kyfb.com/KFBforKYRelief, or checks may be mailed to:

Drew Graham, Executive Vice President
Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation
9201 Bunsen Parkway
Louisville, KY 40220

Checks should be made payable to "Kentucky Farm Bureau Education Foundation" and denoted "KFB for Kentucky Relief Fund" on the memo line.

The **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Program** provides an [Emergency Forest Restoration Program](#) (EFRP) that can assist landowners and forest stewards with financial and technical assistance to restore fencing, damaged farmland or forests.

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/emergency-forest-restoration/>

The EFRP helps the owners of non-industrial private forests restore forest health damaged by natural disasters. The EFRP does this by authorizing payments to owners of private forests to restore disaster damaged forests.

Is My Forest Eligible?

A local Farm Service Agency County Committee in the

disaster area inspects the damage to determine if forest land is eligible for EFRP. For land to qualify for EFRP funds, the damage from the natural disaster must create new conservation problems that if not dealt with would:

- Harm the natural resources on the land
- Significantly affect future land use

Only owners of nonindustrial private forests with tree cover existing before the natural disaster occurred are eligible to apply. The land must be owned by a private individual, group, association, corporation or other private legal entity that has decision making authority on the land and doesn't use the land for business purposes.

How Does the Funding Work?

Up to 75% of the cost to implement emergency conservation practices can be provided, however the final amount is determined by the committee reviewing the application. The FSA County Committee is able to approve applications up to \$50,000 while \$50,000 to \$100,000 requires state committee approval. Amounts over \$100,000 require the approval of the national FSA office. Additionally, a limit on payments of \$500,000 per person or entity per disaster applies.

Eligible Forest Restoration Practices

To restore nonindustrial private forest, EFRP participants may implement emergency forest restoration practices, such as:

- Debris removal, such as down or damaged trees, in order to establish a new stand or provide for natural regeneration;
- Site preparation, planting materials, and labor to replant forest stand;
- Restoration of forestland roads, fire lanes, fuel breaks, or erosion control structures;
- Fencing, tree shelters, and tree tubes to protect trees from wildlife damage; and
- Wildlife enhancement to provide cover openings and wildlife habitat

Owners should check with their [local FSA office](#) to find out about EFRP sign-up periods after a natural disaster has occurred.

For general questions about the program contact Kellie Samuels, Ag Program Specialist with the USDA-Farm Service Agency State Office in Lexington at 859-224-7640.

The **NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program** (EQIP) utilizes the Woody Residue Treatment practice to assist woodland owners in removing undesirable woody material after a natural disaster. NRCS enrolled 120 applicants after the December 10, 2021 tornado in western Kentucky offering almost \$3.5 million in assistance. In addition its **Emergency Watershed Protection program** funded 87 sites eligible for recovery assistance construction estimated at approximately \$3 million. ([Kentucky Woodlands Magazine, Volume 15 Issue 1](#))

Reneé Williams Recognized for Guidance in KWOA Communications



Colleagues gathered at the forestry extension office for the presentation of a plaque by Doug McLaren, KWOA President, and an honorary lifetime membership in the association.

KWOA paid much-deserved recognition to Reneé Williams, Information Specialist Senior with UK Forestry and Natural Resources Extension, for her guidance in the development of the association's communications with woodland owners. Reneé lent her experience with the extension's education outreach platforms to KWOA's website, quarterly Kentucky Woodlands Newsletter and monthly Wood Post. The information, webcasts, field days and training provided by the extension are a reliable, accessible and practical resource for woodland owners at all levels of forestry knowledge and experience.

Reneé's desk is at the center of extending forestry academia beyond the university student population as well as connecting those students with local landowners, forestry businesses and nonprofit organizations working for sustainable woodlands management.

KWOA looks forward to being part of the extension's continued identification and promotion of the Commonwealth's forestry leaders.

Wood Not You Know It?

A word riddle series for fun and enlightenment.

Raise your forestry IQ and have some fun at the same time by playing Wood Not You Know It? - KWOA's word riddle. Each month's KWOA Wood Post will feature clues for a forestry-related term. Reply to info@kwoa.net with (please put My Word Puzzle Answer in the Subject line) with your best shot at the mystery word. The next Wood Post will reveal the correct response as well as challenge readers with a new riddle. The riddles, answers and additional information will also be posted on the KWOA website. Are YOU ready to play the riddle??

See how you fared on the bottom of page 7.

Riddle #7 - August 2022

Ever wish your expanding "girth" could garner the same appreciation accorded to the DBH (diameter at breast height) of trees? One reason starts at the outside with a thin layer of cells that contributes to the expanding girth of a tree and ultimately produces its bark. What is that layer called? Succeeding riddles will delve deeper!

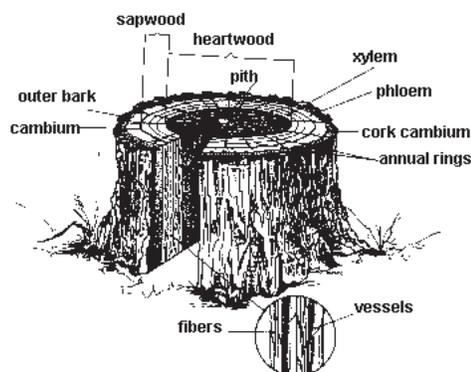
Riddle #8 - September 2022

Now that we've got that girth thing figured out, let's take a closer look at this vital component of a tree trunk. That vascular or cork cambium produces conducting cells in two layers. What is the outer layer called and what its function? Ditto for the inner layer?

Riddle #9 - October 2022

Our journey through the layers and their functions in a tree trunk culminates with the innermost components. We'll go easy on this one - just name them!

More explanation about our three riddles around the components of tree trunks is in an excellent reference source *Tree Trunk* from Iowa State University Extension. <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/pages/tree/site/trunk.html>



*Congrats to Jim Vincent for submitting the correct answer for the July riddle!

2023 Annual Meeting Update

Your annual meeting planning team has been hard at work getting ready for the 2023 annual meeting which is scheduled for March 27, 28, and 29, 2023. We will be meeting at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park. Registration information will be on our website in the very near future.

The theme of the 2023 meeting is recreation. We will cover topics on wildlife and bird watching, along with medicinal and edible plants. We will also explore setting up a sporting clays range, as well as trail maintenance and construction, and wilderness safety and survival. While the meeting will officially begin on Tuesday morning March 28, for those of you who may be coming in early we will be taking a tour of the Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery on Monday afternoon. On Monday evening we will be having a panel discussion about carbon credits that is sure to help you navigate the different programs that are available to forest landowners. We hope you will join us for what we believe will be a fun and informative meeting. Updates and the full agenda will be provided in our Wood Post, on our website at www.kwoa.net and in our winter newsletter.

-Steve Perry, annual meeting organizer

In Memory - Perry Sebaugh



KWOA & KWOF are saddened to learn that Perry Sebaugh, a long-time KWOA board member with a tree farm in Edmonson County has passed away. In 2013 the family hosted an impressive 2012 Tree Farm of the Year Field Day on their Certified Tree Farm before Perry retired from the KWOA Board.

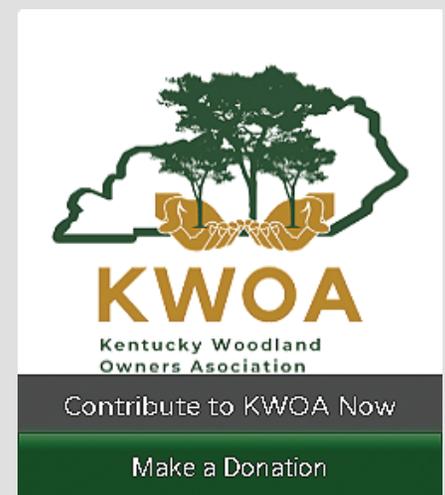
In her letter to KWOA, Perry's wife Ann thanked KWOA for teaching them so much about forestry and for assistance in developing their tree farm in Kentucky, as well as the fellowship of other forest owners. Their son Jeff lives on the property and Ann says he is doing a great job there. KWOA wishes the family well and hopes Jeff will continue his father's relationship with KWOA.

Help Support Us

Woodland Owners join together to improve forest management science, services, education and law. Your contribution will make sure that mission has the resources it needs to be successful.



[Donate to the Kentucky Woodland Owners Foundation](#)



[Contribute to Kentucky Woodland Owners Association](#)

<https://www.kwoa.net/donate>



Yes, I want to join KWOA!

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Date Paid: _____ **Membership:** ___New ___Renewal

Check one: ___Forest/Woodland Owner ___Non-owner Supporter ___Business or Organization

Woodland Acreage by County: ___ acres _____ county, ___ acres _____ county

Name(s) Primary: _____

Spouse/ co-owner, contact person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary - E-mail Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

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You can join in person at an event, pay online at www.kwoa.net, or you may mail this form with your check.

Annual Membership and Donation Options	Dues	Amount Enclosed
KWOA Basic 3-year Membership: Woodland owner household, business, organization, or supporter includes full color PDF <i>Kentucky Woodlands</i> Newsletter	\$35.00	\$ _____
KWOA & NWOA (National Woodland Owners Association) 1-year Membership (optional add on). By adding NWOA you will receive the <i>National Woodland</i> quarterly newsletter & woodland report in addition to the Basic KWOA membership	\$65.00	\$ _____
KWOA Basic 3-year Membership: Woodland owner household, business, organization, or supporter includes full color PDF <i>Kentucky Woodlands</i> Newsletter	\$100.00	\$ _____
KWOA & NWOA Basic 3-year \$190.00: Includes the optional NWOA membership in addition to the Basic KWOA membership	\$190.00	\$ _____
KWOF Contribution: Voluntary (much appreciated) contribution to the Kentucky Woodland Owners Foundation deductible as a charitable donation. KWOF provides scholarships, service forestry awards, and contributes to other related charitable / educational work.	Any Amount	\$ _____
KWOA Contribution: Voluntary (much appreciated) contribution to help with operating expenses, such as bookkeeping, communication, programming, advocacy, and educational expenses.	Any Amount	\$ _____
Add On Black & White Hard-copy Newsletter: Upcharge to cover expenses. \$10.00 for one year or \$30.00 for 3 years.	\$10.00 or \$30.00	\$ _____
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Partner Profile: Association of Consulting Foresters

Since 1948, the Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc., has been serving the nation's public in all forest related interests. ACF is a rare association organized around ethical standards to which members are required to adhere. That commitment is one of the reasons ACF foresters are revered as premier forestry professionals.

ACF foresters are required to have a college degree in forestry or a natural resources related field, and five years of practical forestry experience. Additionally, they must meet continuing educational requirements to stay current on issues that affect their clients'—landowners'—ownership and enjoyment of the land.

Working with an ACF forester gives you the assurance that you are sustainably managing your land in compliance with ever-changing local, state and federal regulations. ACF foresters serve private landowners, attorneys, relators, accountants, financial institutions, and

many others across the country. In addition to helping you plan to achieve your vision, these independent professionals provide keen insight to explore your land's potential in economically viable ways.

An ACF forester can benefit your land by:

- Enhancing property values
- Optimizing timber growth through sustainable harvests
- Enhancing a wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities
- Establishing and protecting your family's forest legacy.

ACF foresters cannot buy timber and must always work in the landowner's best interest, ensuring you receive expert advice and options while securing the best price for your trees.

For more national information, contact www.acf-foresters.org

For more local information, contact <https://kacf.org>

Our local Kentucky ACF Chapter will be hosting our fall meeting October 27 at the Hardin County Cooperative Extension facility in Elizabethtown. The agenda is still under development, but we plan to hold our business meeting in the morning, followed by open discussions. We've invited UK Forestry Extension and Kentucky's new NRCS Forester to participate with presentations or discussions and are awaiting confirmation. For the afternoon we will tour a recently marked timber sale nearby. KWOA members are invited to join us at this meeting. Once finalized, an agenda will be circulated to KWOA membership.



Logan Nutt, ACF
Lead Forester/Project Manager
lnutt@copperheadconsulting.com

New Board Member Introductions - Will Bowling



I grew up in the Daniel Boone National Forest on the Clay and Leslie County line, and consider myself fortunate to have lived my entire life in southeastern Kentucky.

I have always been curious about the natural world, which led me to complete a B.S. in Natural Resources Conservation & Management and a M.S. in Forestry from the University of Kentucky. I then spent nine years

working as a wildlife biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (primarily within the elk program), followed by three years designing and implementing forest conservation strategies for The Nature Conservancy of Kentucky. I currently serve as the Clay County Extension Agent for Ag and Natural Resources within the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

In addition to my professional interest in woodland management, I also have a deep personal interest in maintaining healthy, productive forests. I have personally

implemented various forest improvement projects on my family's farms in Clay County, and I can attest to the fact that forest management is a long-term endeavor. That said, I find it gratifying to identify a goal and then implement a strategy to work toward those objectives.

I believe our forests are one of Kentucky's greatest assets. I deeply appreciate the work KWOA and KWOF have done over the years to advocate for this resource and for the landowners who serve as its stewards, and I look forward to my service on the KWOF Board.

RIDDLE ANSWERS

#7 - August 2022

Cambium. The cork cambium contributes to the expanding girth of a tree. The cork cambium is a thin layer of cells that ultimately produces the bark of the tree.

#8 - September 2022

The outer layer is phloem, sometimes referred to as the inner bark, the vascular tissue that conducts sugars and other metabolic products downward from the leaves. The inner layer is xylem, located toward the inside of the cambium layer. Xylem is the vascular tissue through which most of the water and minerals of the tree are conducted.

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