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Pennsylvania Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters Named 2024 Large Chapter of the Year

[Williamsburg, VA]— <u>The Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.</u> (ACF) is pleased to announce that the Pennsylvania Chapter has been named its 2024 Large Chapter of the Year. ACF is a national organization committed to serving independent consulting foresters who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners. The association annually recognizes a Large and Small Chapter of the Year for their exceptional accomplishments.

Sponsored by <u>STIHL, Inc.</u>, the large chapter of the year award honors one of ACF's chapters with more than 20 members for exemplary contributions to forestry, the local community, and the association. The Pennsylvania Chapter will receive \$1500 as part of this esteemed award.

"We are thrilled to recognize the Pennsylvania Chapter as the Large Chapter of the Year," said Wayne Pfluger, Past President of ACF. "This award is a testament to the chapter's continuous commitment and exceptional contributions to the association and profession."

Pennsylvania Chapter ACF members are actively involved in numerous industry and civic organizations, enhancing the consulting forester profession's visibility and impact. The Chapter has made significant strides in promoting ethical standards and membership qualifications that benefit private forestland owners through various educational and community involvement initiatives.

Kenny J. Kane, Pennsylvania Chapter Chair expressed his gratitude, saying, "I sincerely appreciate all that each of our members has done for the chapter over the last year and its an honor to receive this recognition of our Chapter's passion as we continue to strive to make a positive impact on Pennsylvania's forests."

ACF's Small Chapter of the Year Award similarly honors a chapter with less than 20 members and the 2024 award was presented to the Virginia Chapter.

"I congratulate the Pennsylvania chapter on being selected as the Large Chapter of the Year and appreciate all the chapter has done to further the association's mission," said Shannon McCabe, CAE, ACF's Executive Director. "I also thank STIHL for sponsoring both of our chapter of the year awards for the seventh year."

The Large and Small Chapters of the Year were announced during the Awards Banquet at the recent 2024 ACF National Conference in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Chapter members present during the event accepted the awards on behalf of the respective winning chapters.

ACF provides professional development, networking opportunities, exclusive communications, tools, and resources to consulting foresters. ACF members are the gold standard of forestry consultants because they meet rigorous educational, experience, and reference requirements as well as adhere to a Code of Ethics ensuring loyalty to landowners and their land.

For additional information about ACF, visit www.acf-foresters.org.

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About the Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc. (ACF):

Founded in 1948, the Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc. (ACF) is a professional organization dedicated to advancing the practice of professional consulting forestry and promoting the highest standards of professionalism and ethics among its members. ACF members can benefit forest landowners by enhancing property value, optimizing timber growth through sustainable harvests, maximizing the value of timber, enhancing wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities, and protecting family forest legacy. Visit www.acf-foresters.org to learn more.

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