Washington Tree Farm Program

2021 Annual Report

Our Mission

We give Washington's forestland owners the tools they need to sustainably manage over 400,000 acres of private forestlands across the state.

The Washington Tree Farm Program is a voluntary certification program that ensures healthy privately-owned forestlands that contribute to our state's clean water, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities, while producing the jobs, wood, and timber products we all need.

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Patty Vance, Tree Farmer of the Year, 2020

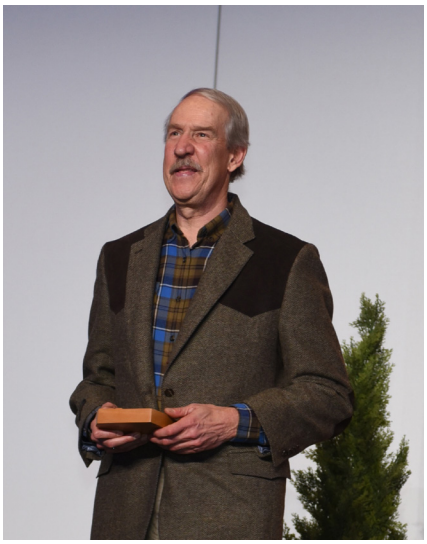
O'Neill Pine Company, Tree Farmer of the Year, 2019

New Family, WA State & National Tree Farmer of the Year, 2019

Chuck and Nan Higgins, Tree Farmer of the Year 2021

Washington Tree Farm Program is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; our tax identification number is 26-1191417.

Message from the Chair



Throughout 2021, the Washington Tree Farm Program, with its team of so many talented volunteers and tree farmers, continue to make me realize how important we are to practicing sustainable forestry to the state of Washington and how we are making a difference. This year's annual report is a testament to this.

Our 101 inspectors completed almost 300 inspections. This is an amazing accomplishment, because it means our volunteer inspectors are willing to dedicate their time and knowledge to ensure Washington State tree farmers are meeting the American Tree Farm System standards. This is why our inspectors demonstrate they are among the best in the nation. One such inspector is Dave Houk, the Western Regional Inspector of the Year. This is quite an honor because the Western Region covers an area that spans from the state of Mississippi to the Pacific Coast.

Our tree farmers continue to exemplify the qualities of sustainable and innovative forestry through the management of their tree Farms. Chuck and Nan Higgins were selected as this year's tree farmer of the year. There is one key point that Chuck and Nan always mention when discussing this honor—they could not have achieved this without the help of their fellow tree farmers and foresters. As with any healthy sustainable ecosystem, where each part is linked to the next, our tree farmers come together as a team to help each other to keep their forests sustainable.

Then there is our state committee who continue to develop and expand the program. Patrick Shultz, Nick Kunz, and Darren Goodding led a group of highly energetic foresters and tree farmers to design a Fall Forestry Seminar and field trip that addressed the management needs of tree farmers on both sides of the Cascades. We also developed a survey to define all the ecosystem services that tree farms provide and are working to design a database to store this information. And for the second year, the Washington Tree Farm Program and the Washington State Society of American Foresters produced a Tour of Washington Forestry calendar that serves as both a fundraiser and an opportunity to showcase how tree farmers manage their tree farms. This calendar wouldn't be possible without our tree farmers contributing photos and purchasing the calendar.

As you can see, the Washington Tree Farm Program continues to grow and provide support for sustainable forestry in Washington. Through our partners, member donations, and your efforts we continue to be one of the best programs in the nation. It's something we can all be very proud of!

Bob Obedzinski

Our Accomplishments

380,501 acres certified

37 new certified tree farms

1,218 active tree farms

39 tree farms decertified

277 Inspections
101 Inspectors

Dave Houk, a service forester with Grays Harbor Conservation District, was awarded Washington Tree Farm Inspector of the Year.

He is in the running for National Tree Farm Inspector of the Year.

Fall Forestry Seminar

Westside 75 attended

Eastside 35 attended

204
Calendars sold

Washington Tree Farm Program and Washington State Society of American Foresters calendar fundraising project

Chuck and Nan Higgins 2021 Tree Farmer of the Year

2021 Financial Review

Washington Tree Farm Program Statement of Financial Position As of December 31, 2021	
Current Assets Bank Accounts	
Checking	$34,027.65
Savings	$58,116.90
Total Bank Accounts	$92,144.55
Other Current Assets Payroll Refunds	$0.26
Total Other Current Assets	$0.26
Total Current Assets	$92,144.81
Fixed Assets Furniture and Equipment	$1,185.47
Accumulated Depreciation	$-1,185.47
Total Fixed Assets	$0.00
Total Assets	$92,144.81
Current Liabilities - Inspector Incentive Program	$14,185.00
Payroll Liabilities - Federal Taxes	$461.27
WA Workers Compensation	$10.45
WA SUI Employer	$22.03
WA Paid Family and Medical Leave Tax	$18.32
Total Payroll Liabilities	512.07
Total Other Current Liabilities	$14,697.07
Total Current Liabilities	$14,697.07
Total Liabilities	$14,697.07
Equity Opening Balance Equity	$457.44
Unrestricted Net Assets	$66,080.21
Net Revenue	$10,910.09
Total Equity	$77,447.74
Total Liabilities and Equity	$92,144.81

Our Supporters

Merrill & Ring, Inc.
Hemphill-O'Neill Company
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Idaho Forest Group
Washington Forest Protection Association
Sustainable Forestry Initiative/SFI Implementation Committee
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On the cover Patty Vance's granddaughters, Ken and Bonnie Miller Tree Farm, Tree Farm Inspector of 30 years Andy Perleberg

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