

Sustainable Forestry Initiative®

2011 SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC) Progress Report

The information SFI Implementation Committees (SICs) annually report to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc. is of tremendous value in demonstrating SFI program improvement and commitment. Report questions measure progress in achieving SIC goals and SFI Standard objectives. SICs are encouraged to highlight key achievements and provide additional attachments.

Section 1 - Organization & State/Province Data

1. Organization

A. Attach a copy of SIC organizational guidelines (charter, bylaws, etc.).

Copy of organizational guidelines attached? Yes No SIC executed MOU with SFI Inc.? Yes No

If no, please indicate why? _____

SIC

Website: www.sfiopfpa.org

B. Describe how the SFI Implementation Committee (SIC) is organized – part of existing forestry association committee, formal subcommittee, independent, etc? What organization, if any, provides primary support to the committee?

The PA SFI SIC operates as an independent subcommittee of the PA Forest Products Association (PFPA). PFPA is compensated for financial accounting assistance. The SIC, through the program manager, is responsible for acquiring financial support to implement program activities.

C. Please attach a list of committee members with contact information and report the number of committee members for each of the following categories:

SFI Program Participants	Supporters (not enrolled in SFI)
Industry SFI Program Participant : <u>7</u>	Other Company: <u>7</u>
Government Agency SFI Program Participant : <u>1</u>	Forestry Association: <u>2</u>
University SFI Program Participant: _____	Conservation Organization: <u>2</u>
Conservation SFI Program Participant: _____	Family Forest Owner: _____
Other SFI Program Participant: _____	Government Agency: <u>2</u>
	Logger: _____
	Consultant: <u>1</u>
	University or Extension: <u>2</u>
	Other: _____
	Please Specify: _____

D. Please list sub-committees (if applicable):

Executive Committee _____

Training Committee _____

E. List dates and locations of scheduled SFI Implementation Committee meetings for the coming year. Also, list other meetings or conferences which may offer opportunities to highlight the SFI program.

SIC Mtngs., State College - 1/26; 4/26; July; October _____

Executive Comm. Mtngs., State College – 1/26; 4/26; July; October _____

Training Comm. Mtngs., State College – June; December _____

2. Funding

A. How much money was spent last year on SFI Implementation Committee-sponsored activities and projects?

US \$ 115,500 _____

Canadian \$ _____

B. What percentage of this money went toward?

80 (%) logger training & education

5 (%) landowner education

15 (%) communication/outreach

_____ (%) public participation

_____ (%) reforestation success

_____ (%) water quality protection

_____ (%) other (specify) _____

_____ (%) other (specify) _____

i. Does the SIC provide any funding or support to the American Tree Farm System? **YES** X **NO** _____

If yes, please list contributions made the American Tree Farm System: The Program Manager is a voting member of the PA State Tree Farm Committee. We promote the Tree Farm Program through our outreach efforts. We report volumes of wood products procured from PA tree farms by SFI Participants.

ii. Does the SIC provide any funding or support to other family forest owner programs? **YES** X **NO** _____

If yes, please list contributions made to other programs: The Program Manager participates on the PA Stewardship Committee and works with PA Forest Landowner Associations.

iii. Does the SIC provide any funding or support to Project Learning Tree (PLT) education programs?

YES _____ **NO** X _____

If yes, please list contributions made to PLT: _____

C. What percentage of the funds spent last year came from:

29 (%) Industry SFI Participants

_____ (%) Other SFI Participants

10 (%) Other SIC Members

18 (%) Grants (specify): Hardwood Utilization Groups

11 (%) Other (specify): Forest Industry Related Companies

32 (%) Other (specify): Training Program Fees

- D. How was money raised (i.e., through industry assessment on production, flat entrance fee, etc.)?
Please provide formulas to indicate how dues are calculated.

Pulp and paper companies pay \$0.045 per ton of fiber procured from PA forests. _____

Sawmills pay \$270 per MMBF of sawlogs procured from PA forests. _____

Forest investment organizations pay \$0.02 per acre owned in PA. _____

Other entities make "meaningful" financial contributions. _____

3. Best Management Practices

- A. Does your state/province monitor voluntary compliance with BMP's? YES _____ NO X _____

If no, how is compliance with BMPs monitored or evaluated in your state/province? Independent and voluntary. _____

- B. If yes, please provide the most current overall figure on the rate of compliance: _____ % compliance in _____ (year).

If available, please send a copy of the report.

Section 2 - SFI Program Progress

Provide a detailed description of activities incorporating SFI-specific recognition or goals in each area below. Note unique projects you would like to especially highlight. Attach current SIC policies and feel free to attach other details as separate sheets.

1. Does your SIC have programs to address **Landowner Outreach***? YES X _____ NO _____

Description or Plans to Address: We provide educational information for landowners on our website and have a packet of information that we can mail or handout at events. We also sponsor the M.K. Goddard Forest Management & Sustainability Award which is given out annually to a forest landowner that exemplifies a commitment to forest stewardship. We partner with the PA Tree Farm system and participate with the PA forest landowner associations. _____

(*Landowner outreach as described in *SFI 2010-2014 Standard* Indicators 17.1.1. – 17.1.3.)

2. Does your SIC have programs to support and promote **Informational Resources***?

YES X _____ NO _____

Description or Plans to Address: We maintain a website that provides informational resources, we produce a semi-annual newsletter, we staff displays at various events around the state, we participate on various forestry related boards/committees, we give presentations to legislative leaders, and we partner with a multitude of organizations with a like conservation mission. _____

(*Informational Resources as described in *SFI 2010-2014 Standard* Performance Measure 17.2. This includes increasing SFI program recognition, awareness and support with groups, such as local opinion leaders and forestry resource professionals.)

- A. Is the SIC interested in participating in a local Habitat for Humanity project? YES _____ NO X _____
Describe future plans or interest level:

3. Inconsistent Practices

A. Does your SIC have a mechanism in place to address concerns with **Inconsistent Practices**?

YES X NO _____

If YES, is there a confidential mechanism to track/record complaints in such a manner that identifies SFI® participants that are the subject of multiple/recurring complaints (if yes, quantify in item D. below)?

YES X NO _____

If NO, when will your SIC have an inconsistent practices mechanism in place:

B. Attach a summary of your SIC process for receiving/responding to inconsistent practices, including a flow chart if available. Summary attached? YES X NO _____

C. Describe how your SIC advertises/communicates the inconsistent practices process (publications, target audiences, websites, ad frequency, etc):

Our Inconsistent Practices report form is available for download on our website and can be provided by mail upon request. Our semi-annual newsletter provides information about reporting inconsistent practices. The reporting process is well known by the PA Bureau of Forestry, the PA Department of Environmental Protection, and the PA Association of Conservation Districts. Inconsistent Practices reports are received at and processed by the program office.

D. Provide aggregate reporting information (no names) on inconsistent practices below.

Total number of inquires received last year – valid or not, SFI & non-SFI: 0

Of the total number of inconsistent practices reported above, how many were SFI-specific? 0

(PLEASE ITEMIZE SFI INCONSISTENT PRACTICES BELOW – ALL SHOULD ADD UP TO THIS TOTAL NUMBER)

	Number of inconsistent practices involving SFI participants:		Number of SFI Participants with More Than One Inconsistent Practice:
	Addressed & Resolved	Addressed & Unresolved*	
Obj. 1 (Forest Mgmt. Planning)	_____	_____	_____
Obj. 2 (Productivity)	_____	_____	_____
Obj. 3 (Water Quality)	_____	_____	_____
Obj. 4 (Biological Diversity)	_____	_____	_____
Obj. 5 (Visual Impact)	_____	_____	_____
Obj. 6 (Special Sites)	_____	_____	_____
Obj. 7 (Efficient Utilization)	_____	_____	_____
Obj. 8 (Landowner Outreach)	_____	_____	_____
Obj. 9 (Logging Professionals)	_____	_____	_____
Obj. 10 (BMP Adherence)	_____	_____	_____

- Obj. 11 (Biological Diversity) _____
- Obj. 12 (Controversial Sources^)
^including illegal logging _____
- Obj. 13 (Controversial Sources^^)
^^fiber sourced from Areas w/o effective social laws _____
- Obj. 14 (Legal Compliance) _____
- Obj. 15 (Research) _____
- Obj. 16 (Training & Education) _____
- Obj. 17 (Community Involvement) _____
- Obj. 18 (Public Land Mgmt.) _____
- Obj. 19 (Communications) _____
- Obj. 20 (Continual Improvement) _____

*Describe circumstances (without names) for each unresolved inconsistent practices claim, current status, and plans to resolve (attach separate sheets if necessary):

4. Communications-Non Core

- A. Does your SIC specifically promote the SFI® program in **communications** efforts? YES NO _____
- B. Describe SFI communications activities last year and planned activities for the current year. If your SIC does non-core paid advertising and/or marketing, please enclose publication or advertising examples.

Our PA SFI Newsletter is distributed semi-annually to over 3,400 individuals and companies. The PA SFI website has been redesigned to be more user friendly, allow for the transfer of more informational resources, and allow for interested individuals to join our email list.

- C. List web sites where the SFI program is mentioned:
www.sfiopa.org; www.paforestproducts.org; <http://www.nthardwoods.org/>; <http://patreefarm.org/>;
<http://www.keystonewoodpa.org/>; <http://extension.psu.edu/>;

- D. Identify at least 3 publications serving your state or province where the SFI program has or could be effectively advertised/promoted:

[PFPA Membership Directory](#); [The PA Marketing Bulletin](#); [The Forest Leaves Newsletter](#); [The Northern Logger](#); [The PA Forestry Association Magazine](#); [PA DCNR Resource Newsletter](#)

TABLE 1.

Project Name	
Short Project Description	
Partners	
Conservation Objective	
Start Date (estimated)	
Completion date (estimated)	
Total Project Cost	
Contribution	
Other	

2. Government Relations (optional)

As part of our SFI 2012 strategy, SFI Inc. will work with governments at the local, state/provincial and federal levels to enhance recognition of the value of the SFI program across public and private lands and certified and uncertified lands through our fiber sourcing program, our forest management standard and key outreach activities such as conservation projects, Habitat for Humanity and research. Information regarding your SIC's involvement in government programs, partnerships and projects would be helpful for SFI to support your work and develop further opportunities to build strong relationships with governments to increase understanding and support of the SFI program. SFI Inc. is also interested in any challenges or unexplored opportunities to build those relationships and ensure strong support of the SFI program and acceptance of SFI certified forest products.

TABLE 2.

Current projects involving government	<p>The PA SFI SIC includes representation from the PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry, the PA Department of Agriculture's Hardwood Development Council, the PA county conservation districts, and the USDA Forest Service. The Pennsylvania General Assembly recognized the PA SFI Program through a formal resolution in 1999. In 2007, the PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry adopted a policy that requires SFI training for contractors working on state forest timber sales. The Bureau also supports the SFI program by hosting numerous logger training programs at their facilities, providing course facilitators on occasion, and participating in the search and selection process for the M.K. Goddard Forest Management & Sustainability award recipient.</p> <p>PA SFI serves on or regularly attends meetings for a number of state advisory groups, including the Bureau of Forestry State Forest Timber Advisory committee, the DEP's Non-point Source Liaison Working Group, and the PA Joint Conservation Committee's Forestry Task Force. In conjunction with the PA Forest Products Association, representatives from a number of SFI participating companies provide briefings to the Governor's policy office and legislators on third-party certification and green building programs.</p>
Opportunities to involve government moving forward	<p>PA SFI will continue to work on developing a close relationship with the PA Game Commission and support for using SFI trained contractors in the management of their of 1.4 million acres of forest land.</p> <p>PA SFI will continue to work with the DEP on changes to the State's Erosion & Sedimentation and Stormwater regulations to ensure forest industry personnel have up-to-date and accurate information regarding Best</p>

	Management Practices. PA SFI will continue to work with representatives from the USDA Allegheny National Forest to promote the use of SFI trained contractors on ANF timber sales.
Current challenges related to SFI and government acceptance	The current economic challenges that all government agencies are faced with limit the opportunity for new initiatives and financial support for the PA SFI program, despite the growing demand for SFI training.

Section 5 - Identification

Submitted on 3/12/2012 (date) for Pennsylvania
(State/Province)

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