

## **Non-governmental Sources of Forestry Assistance**

**The Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences – School of Forest Resources** provides support to forest landowners, Pennsylvania's timber industry, and all the communities of the Commonwealth both urban and rural through Penn State Cooperative Extension programs. The mission of Penn State Cooperative Extension is to extend non-formal outreach educational opportunities to individuals, families, businesses, and communities throughout Pennsylvania. Cooperative Extension education programs enable the Commonwealth to maintain a competitive and environmentally sound food and fiber system and prepare Pennsylvania's youth, adults, and families to enhance the quality of their lives and participate more fully in community decisions.

The Renewable Natural Resources Extension in the School of Forest Resources helps people make informed decisions that improve their own well-being and ensure clean water, viable populations of native wildlife, recreational opportunities, attractive communities, and the sustainable production of wood and paper products. In addition, through 4-H, the Renewable Natural Resources Extension educates youth about ecology and the environment.

**The Sustainable Forestry Initiative of Pennsylvania (SFI)** is an industry sponsored and supported program with a mission of implementing sustainable forestry practices. SFI encourages timber harvesters and foresters in Pennsylvania to participate in training programs to learn how to implement sustainable forestry. SFI is based on the premise that responsible environmental practices and sound business practices can be integrated to the benefit of landowners, shareholders, customers and the people they serve.

**The Pennsylvania Forestry Association (PFA)** is the nation's oldest state organization devoted to forest conservation. Founded in 1886, it is a non-profit association of individuals, landowners, loggers, forest industries, resource professionals and businesses that are concerned about the stewardship of Pennsylvania's forest resources.