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Partnerships

Partners help us along life's way, whether they be a friend, a colleague or even an occasional acquaintance of shared purpose. I am fortunate to have all of these in my life; great partners that have helped me grow personally and professionally.

The partnerships we enjoy in the Ohio Division of Forestry provide many valuable benefits, and that's not to the exclusive benefit of our agency. Partnerships greatly enhance our ability to fulfill our mission of providing sustainable forest resource management and leadership for our diverse clientele. Ohio is fortunate to have a variety of private, industrial, university, scientific, and agency individuals and organizations interested in natural resources. Many actively tout the forestry message, and together we have achieved much in private, state land, and urban forest stewardship.

The Ohio Division of Forestry greatly values our partners like the Ohio Tree Farm System, a network of passionate individuals proud of their land and the work they have done to improve their woods.

From federal agencies like the USDA Forest Service, State & Private Forestry program which lends strong support to our Service Forestry program, to the Natural Resources Conservation Service that provides incentive funds to landowners to remove invasive species and plant more trees, to Project Learning Tree which reaches teachers about the appreciation and responsible use of forests, our extensive partnerships provide the Division of Forestry opportunities to more effectively serve the public.

Perhaps no better example of an individual partner could be listed than Dick Potts, who is featured later in this issue. His life served as a shining example of a Tree Farmer we looked up to and admired for his charismatic and tireless sharing of forest conservation values. He'll be greatly missed.

Thank you all for being our partners!

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