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JOHN R. GEE WINS VIRGINIA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION'S 2020 PRESIDENT'S AWARD

RICHMOND, VA – Virginia Forestry Association (VFA) President John C. Magruder recently presented the 2020 President's Award to John R. Gee of Charlotte County. The VFA President's Award recognizes individuals who have spent many hours working behind the scenes and beyond the call of duty to make the Virginia Forestry Association a quality organization.

Since joining VFA in 1999, Gee has been an active and engaged member of the Association, serving in various volunteer roles with the Nominations Committee, Awards Committee, Personnel Committee, Budget Committee, and Virginia Forest Political Action Committee Board of Trustees. Gee started the Revenue Enhancement Task Force in 2017 in coordination with the association's strategic plan to help VFA stay financially aggressive and stable for future generations. He also led the 2020 Virginia Forestry Summit Planning Committee.

During his time on the Board of Directors and as Vice President of VFA, Gee has spent countless hours supporting the president and advising staff to better the association. During John Magruder's presidency, Gee served as counsel to President Magruder on association and forestry issues, played a vital role in the search for VFA's Executive Director, and was always available to pick up the phone or attend a meeting on the association or community's behalf. Gee assumed the role of VFA President for the 2020-21 association year.

"John continues to step up to the plate when asked, and even when not asked," says VFA Past President John Magruder. "I know that John does not like to shine in the spotlight, but he is so deserving of this award which recognizes his extraordinary efforts and outstanding contributions to VFA."

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About Virginia Forestry Association:

Founded in 1943, the Virginia Forestry Association (VFA) is a not-for-profit organization with the mission of representing Virginia's diverse forestry community and promoting the sustainable use and conservation of forest resources to ensure their long term social benefits for all Virginians. VFA consists of a diverse membership, including forest landowners, foresters, forest products businesses, loggers, forestry consultants, and a variety of individuals and groups who are concerned about the future well-being of Virginia's forest resources and are willing to collaborate for the good of the industry. VFA seeks to be the unifying voice of Virginia's forestry community through advocacy, outreach, and communications that enhance the public's perception of the industry. Learn more at www.vaforestry.org.