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Ahlstrom-Munksjö Community Education and Outreach Program Exhibits

Purpose of this Education and Outreach Program

To support and promote the efforts of enhancing and continuing sustainable forest management throughout the industry, Ahlstrom-Munksjö's active education/outreach program is focused on providing up-to-date information on sustainable forest management techniques, biological diversity enhancement, conservation practices, and certification opportunities to their wood suppliers and to landowners within their procurement radius. To accomplish this, Ahlstrom-Munksjö has developed created a Community Education and Outreach web page on Ahlstrom-Munksjö.com as well as provides information in hard copy form at landowner conferences, workshops, expos, etc. that www.Ahlstrom-Munksjö participates in.

This document lists the informational brochures, handouts, list of websites/programs, and other relevant sources of information that were created/are provided by consulting foresters, state and federal agencies, state or community groups, professional societies, conservation organizations, Indigenous Peoples and governments, sporting organizations, university and extension agencies, the American Tree Farm System® and/or other landowner cooperative programs that are available to suppliers and landowners. These sources were compiled by Ahlstrom-Munksjö and made available to suppliers and landowners via the ww.Ahlstrom-Munksjö.com Community Education and Outreach web page.

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SFIFS-1: Biodiversity and Conservation

Informational handouts/exhibits (national, regional, and state)

- A comprehensive collection of biodiversity & conservation handouts/exhibits is maintained by the Wisconsin DNR:
 - Forest Health: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestHealth/>
 - Forest Management: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestManagement/>
 - Forest Planning: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestPlanning/>
 - Tree Planting: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TreePlanting/>
 - Woodland Owners: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestLandowners/>

Informational Websites

Biodiversity and Conservation Organizations and State Action Plans

National Organizations

American Forests	www.americanforests.org
Center for Biological Diversity	www.biologicaldiversity.org
Conservation Fund, The	www.conservationfund.org
National Audubon Society	www.audubon.org
National Wildlife Federation	www.nwf.org
NatureServe	www.natureserve.org

Michigan Organizations

MI Natural Features Inventory	www.mnfi.anr.msu.edu
MI Nature Conservancy	www.nature.org/michigan
MI State University – Extension	www.msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/forestry

Wisconsin Organizations

WI National Heritage Inventory	www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/nhi
WI Nature Conservancy	www.nature.org/wisconsin
University of WI – Extension	www.woodlandinfo.org/

State Action Plans

MI State Forest Action Plan	http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-30301_30505---,00.html
MI State Wildlife Action Plan	www.michigan.gov/dnrwildlifeactionplan
WI State Forest Action Plan	http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestPlanning/actionPlan2010.html
WI State Wildlife Action Plan	www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/actionplan.html

SFIFS-2: Best Management Practices (BMP)

Informational handouts/exhibits (national, regional, and state)

- A comprehensive collection of BMP handouts/exhibits is maintained by the Wisconsin DNR online:
 - Forest Management: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestManagement/>

Links to State-Issued BMP Manuals and Forest Management Guidelines

State-Issued Best Management Practices and Forest Management Guidelines

WI BMP Manual: “Wisconsin’s Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality”	dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestmanagement/bmp.html
Wisconsin Forest Management Guidelines	www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestmanagement/guidelines.html
WI BMP Manual: “Invasive Species”	www.wisconsinforestry.org/files/invasiveBMPs/FinalForestryBMPManual_03-26-09.pdf
Wisconsin Forestland Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines	www.wisconsinforestry.org/files/woodyBiomass/BHGFieldManual.pdf
MI BMP Manual: “Sustainable Soil and Water Quality Practices on Forest Land”	www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-31154_31261---,00.html
Michigan Biomass Harvesting Guidelines	http://www.forestenergy.org/openfile/252
Michigan Forest Management Guidelines*	www.michigansaf.org/Business/MSAFguide-2010/1-MainPage.html

*Note: Michigan does not have formal Forest Management Guidelines in place at this time.

Informational Websites

State Government Forestry Home Pages

WIDNR – Division of Forestry	www.dnr.wi.gov/forestry
MIDNR – Division of Forestry	www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-30301---,00.html

SFIFS-3: Qualified Professionals

To support the continuation of training throughout the industry, Ahlstrom-Munksjö’s active education/outreach program is focused on providing up-to-date information on the organizations that provide forest industry training opportunities and certification programs that recognize qualified forest industry professionals.

Informational handouts/exhibits (national, regional, and state)

- A comprehensive collection of professional help for landowners, including handouts/exhibits is maintained by the Wisconsin DNR online:
 - Landowner Assistance: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestLandowners/assist.html>

Informational Websites

SFI Training Programs & Qualified Professionals

Wisconsin	
FISTA (WI)	www.fistausa.org
WI Consulting Foresters	www.wi-consultingforesters.com
WI Master Logger Certification	www.wimlc.com
Wisconsin Society of American Foresters	www.wisaf.org
WI Cooperating Forester Program	www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestlandowners/coopforesters.html
Michigan	
MI Master Logger Certification	www.mimlc.com
Michigan SFE Training	www.sfimi.org
Michigan Society of American Foresters	www.michiganSAF.org
Michigan Qualified Foresters	http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdard/Directory_of_Qualified_Foresters_by_County_428232_7.pdf

SFIFS-4: Legal and Regulatory Compliance

Ahlstrom-Munksjö’s “Sustainable Forest Policy” specifies a commitment to achieving compliance with all applicable laws and regulations as well as a commitment to scientifically, environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable practices. Information addressing all applicable laws, standards, and regulations is available online.

Informational Websites

Federal Agency & Government Home Pages

Code of Federal Regulations	www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfr-table-search.html
National Association of Counties	www.naco.org
National Wetlands Inventory Center	www.wetlands.fws.gov
OSHA – Logging Safety	www.osha-slc.gov/SLTC/logging/index.html
US Army Corp of Engineers - Home	www.usace.army.mil/
US Env. Protection Agency - Home	www.epa.gov
US Env. Protection Agency - Endangered Species	www.epa.gov/espp
US Env. Protection Agency - Office of Water	www.epa.gov/watrhome/
US Env. Protection Agency - Region 4	www.epa.gov/region4
US Env. Protection Agency - Wetlands	www.epa.gov/OWOW/wetlands/
US Fish & Wildlife Service - Home	www.fws.gov
US Fish & Wildlife Service - Endangered Species	www.endangered.fws.gov

US Forest Service	www.fs.fed.us/
US Geological Service	www.usgs.gov/
US Gov. Publishing Office	www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html

SFIFS-5: Forestry Research, Science and Technology

Financial Support

In addition to promoting the programs and information developed by forestry and environmental programs and agencies, Ahlstrom-Munksjö provides financial and in-kind support to research programs related to forest health, productivity, and management of forest resources, including:

- Financial support of/membership in Forest Resources Association (FRA)
- Financial support for National Council for Air & Stream Improvement (NCASI) forest & environmental studies
- Financial support of/participation in the Wisconsin SFI State Implementation Committee (SIC)
- Financial support of Trees for Tomorrow and membership on their Board of Directors
- Financial support of/membership in the Wood Supply Research Institute (WSRI)

Informational Websites

Forestry and Environmental Home pages	
Government Agency Home Pages	
WIDNR – Division of Forestry	www.dnr.wi.gov/forestry
MIDNR – Division of Forestry	www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-30301---,00.html
Non-Governmental Agency Home Pages	
Forest Resources Association	www.forestresources.org
National Association of State Foresters	www.stateforesters.org
Society of American Foresters – WI	www.wisaf.org
WI Paper Council – WI	www.wipapercouncil.org
Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association (GLTPA)	www.gltpa.org
Michigan Association of Timbermen (MAT) - MI	www.timbermen.org
Michigan Forest Products Council – MI	www.michiganforest.com
Society of American Foresters – MI	www.michigansaf.org
SFI State Implementation Committees	
Michigan SFI SIC	www.sfimi.org
Wisconsin SFI SIC	1-800-504-5742

SFIFS-6: Training and Education

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Informational handouts/exhibits (national, regional, and state)

- A comprehensive collection of Wisconsin DNR handouts is maintained by the Wisconsin DNR online at <http://dnr.wi.gov/publications>, including the following topics:
 - Fish, Wildlife, and Forests
 - Lakes, Rivers, and Shorelands
 - Environmental Issues
 - Business and Industry
 - DNR Lands
 - Research
 - Grants and Loans
- An electronic copy of the Wisconsin Forest Management Guidelines is maintained online by the Wisconsin DNR and can be accessed by viewing: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestManagement/guidelines.html#toc>.

Informational Websites

SFI Training & Certification	
Wisconsin	
FISTA (WI)	www.fistausa.org
Michigan	
Michigan SFE Training	www.sfimi.org

SFIFS-7: Community Involvement and Landowner Outreach

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Additionally, Ahlstrom-Munksjö encourages all wood suppliers to inform landowners they work with of the importance of/provide implementation guidance on:

- a) best management practices
- b) reforestation and afforestation
- c) visual quality management
- d) conservation objectives, such as of critical wildlife habitat elements, biodiversity, threatened and endangered species, and Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value
- e) harvest residue (e.g., slash, limbs, tops) management considers economic, social, environmental factors (e.g., organic and nutrient value to future forests) and other utilization needs
- f) control of invasive exotic plants and animals
- g) characteristics of special sites
- h) reduction of wildfire risk

Informational handouts/exhibits (national, regional, and state)

- Information on the American Tree Farm System can be found at: <https://www.treefarmssystem.org/about-us>
- Information on educational workshops, clinics, seminars and training opportunities within the state of Wisconsin can be found at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/education/workshops.html>

Informational Websites

There are well-defined and well-supported mechanisms for public outreach, education, and involvement related to sustainable forest management provided at the state level through the Department of Natural Resources in Michigan and Wisconsin:

Forestry and Environmental Home pages

<i>Government Agency Home Pages</i>	
WIDNR – Division of Forestry	www.dnr.wi.gov/forestry
MIDNR – Division of Forestry	www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-30301---,00.html
WCFA – Wisconsin County Forest Association	www.wisconsincountyforests.com

Additionally, there are many non-governmental organizations and agencies that support sustainable forest management techniques, outreach, and education to forest industry and landowners in Michigan and Wisconsin:

Non-Governmental National, Regional, and State Forest Industry Associations	
<i>National</i>	
American Forest & Paper Association	www.afandpa.org
American Loggers Council	www.americanloggers.org
Council on Forest Engineering	www.cofe.org
National Timber Harvesting & Transportation Safety Foundation	www.loggingsafety.com
National Council for Air & Stream Improvement	www.ncasi.org
Sustainable Forestry Initiative	www.sfiprogram.org
<i>Regional & State</i>	
Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association (GLTPA) – WI & MI	www.gltpa.org
Wisconsin	
Partners in Forestry	www.partnersinforesstry.com
Society of American Foresters	www.wisaf.org
University of WI - Stevens Point & University of WI - Extension (Woodland Management Guide)	www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/forestryoutreach/guide/Pages/default.aspx

University of WI - Extension (Forestry Outreach Program)	www.woodlandinfo.org/
Wisconsin Consulting Foresters	www.wi-consultingforesters.com
Wisconsin Master Logger Certification	www.wimlc.com
WI Paper Council	www.wipapercouncil.org
Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association	www.wisconsinwoodlands.org
Michigan	
Michigan Association of Conservation Districts	www.macd.org/
Michigan Association of Timbermen (MAT)	www.timbermen.org
Michigan Forest Association	www.michiganforests.com
Michigan Forest Products Council	www.michiganforest.com
Michigan Master Logger Certification	www.mimlc.com
Michigan State University – Extension (Forestry Outreach)	www.msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/forestry
Society of American Foresters	www.michigansaf.org