

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP AGENDA REQUEST**

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Mark McCauley, County Administrator
DATE: January 21, 2025
RE: Workshop: Jefferson County Sustainable Forestry Program

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Jefferson County contracted with Chickadee Forestry in January 2019 to assess Jefferson County's forest resources and determine whether the county could establish and maintain a revenue producing, profitable and sustainable forestry program. Six years later we are one year into a five-year contract with Chickadee Forestry to manage our sustainable forestry program.

ANALYSIS:

Mallorie Weinheimer, Chickadee Forestry Principal, will conduct a workshop on the forestry program with a review of 2024 and a look ahead at 2025. Her presentation is attached.

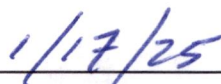
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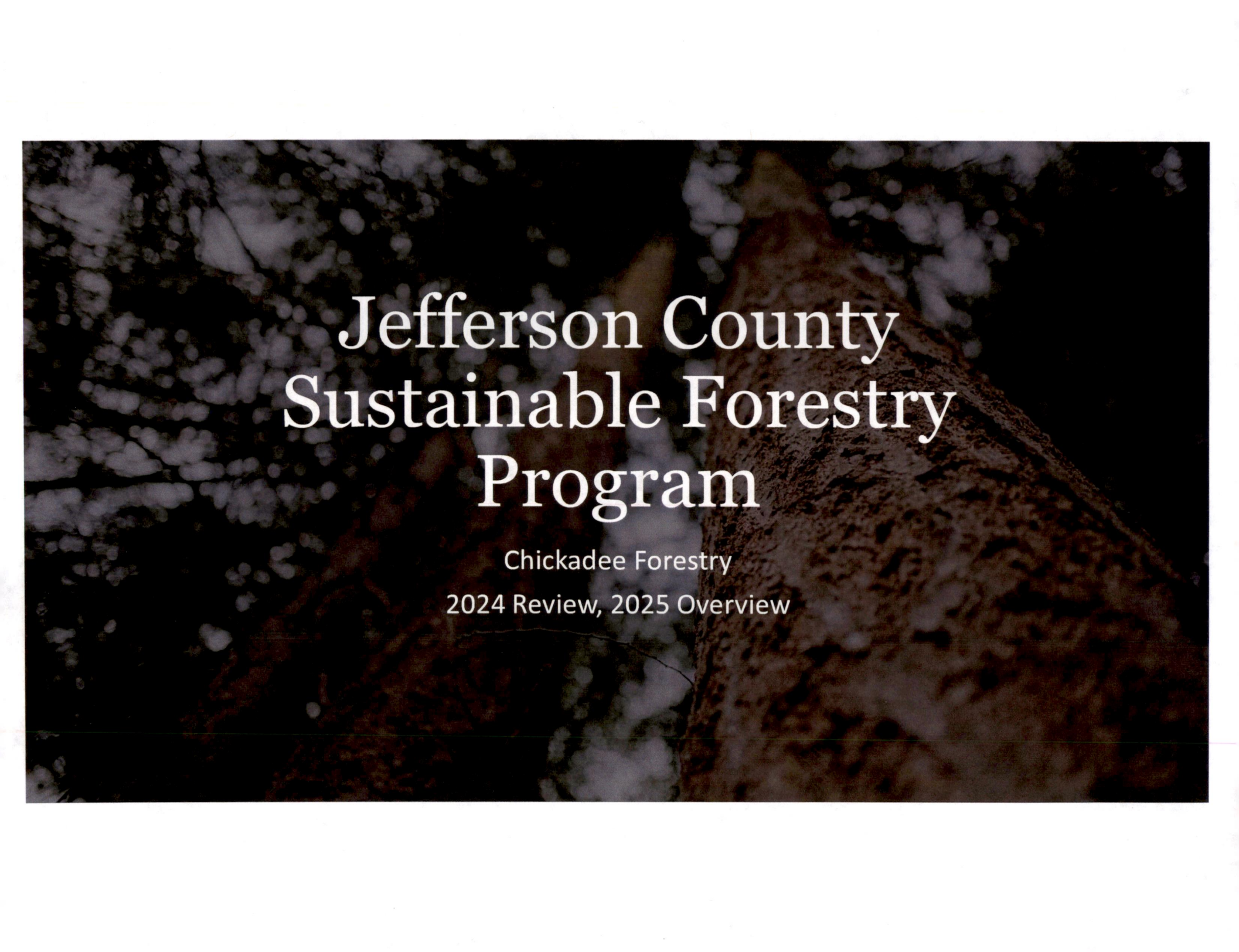
None.

RECOMMENDATION: Listen to the presentation and ask questions, as appropriate.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator


Date



Jefferson County Sustainable Forestry Program

Chickadee Forestry
2024 Review, 2025 Overview



2024 in Review

- Overall formalizing the program with the strategic plan
- Outreach and events
- Community building and growing beyond county program
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- DNR Trust Land Transfer and land acquisition

Weak Points:

- Chain of custody, low value wood

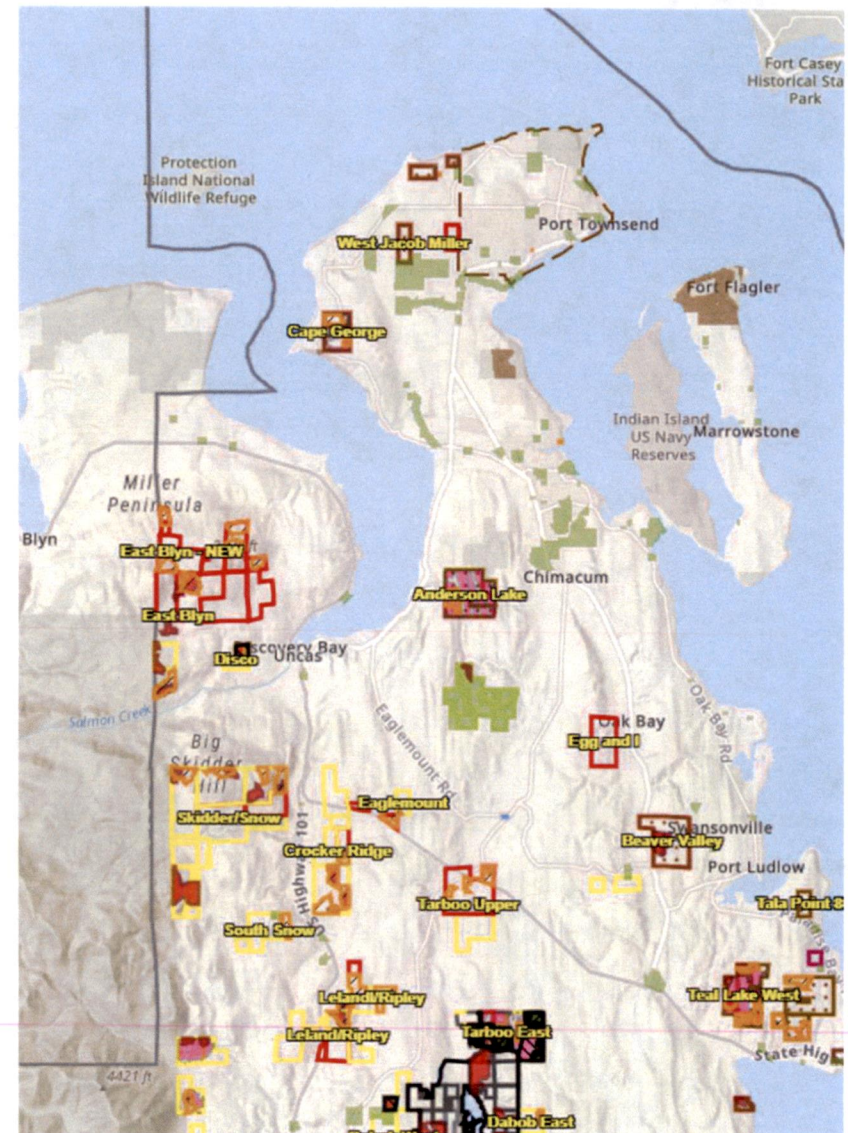


Strategic Plan

- 5 year plan, with annual targets developed with advisors and Katrina Amaral from Timberdoodle Sawmill
- Focus areas: partnerships, land acquisition, financial, timber harvesting, communication/outreach
- Year 1 goals met (mostly...)
- Formalized program

Land Acquisition

- DNR Trust Land Transfer applications
- Pathways for future acquisitions mapped
- Jefferson Land Trust/Jeff Co acquisitions



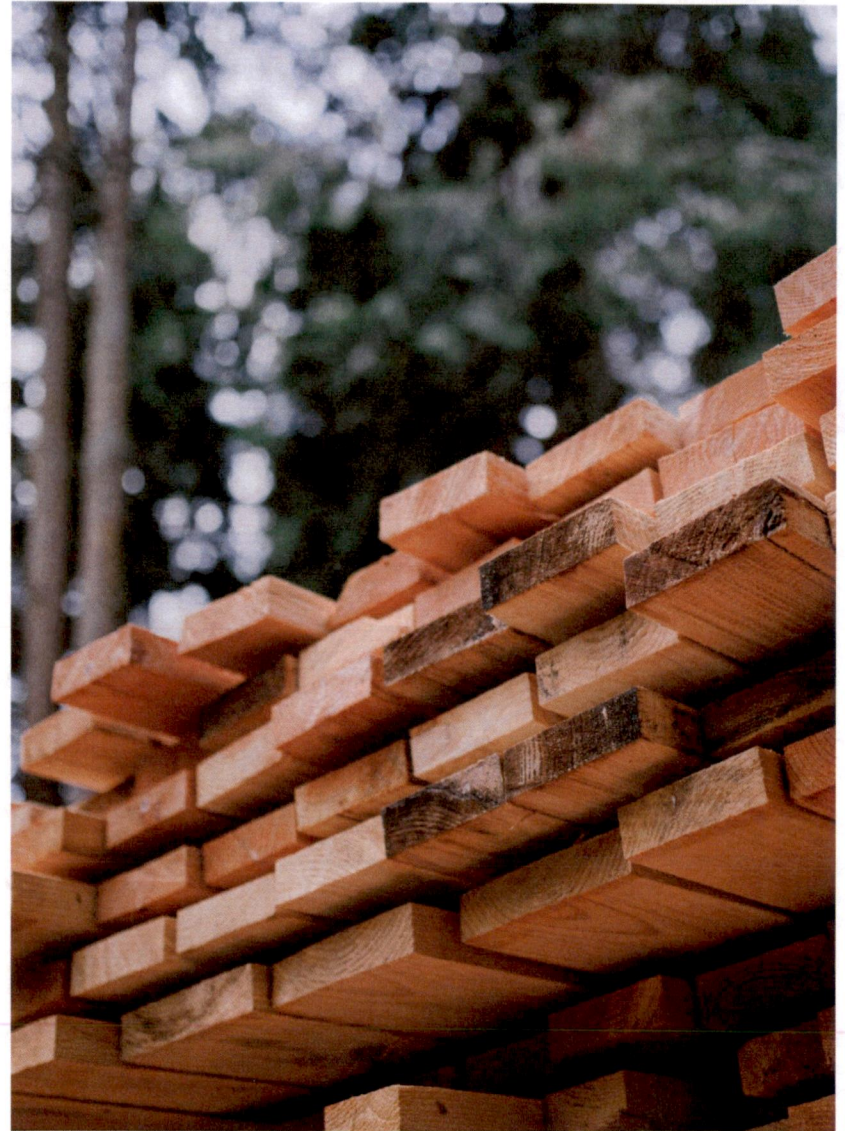


Communication & Outreach

- New website developed for public
- First larger stakeholder meeting of partners
- Two outreach events with 70+ attendees
- Press releases, SOPs for communication

Partnerships

- New businesses operating
- More organization and overlap between entities
- Growing awareness in the community and beyond



Still in Progress...

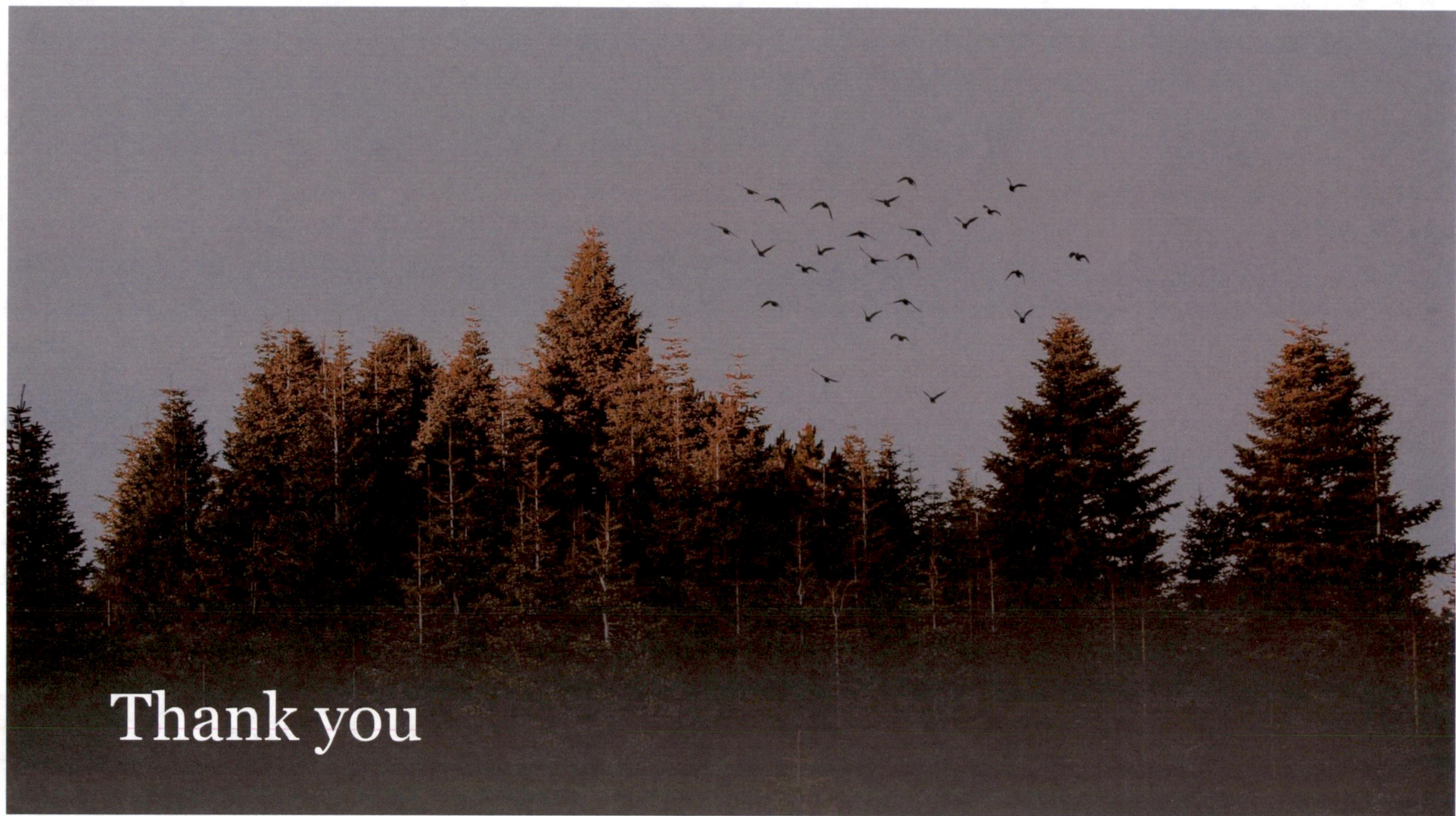
- Timber harvesting – operators, mills, but trucking and local purchasing still need growth
- Combining efforts with City of PT
- Parks and Rec
- Firewood
- Port Townsend Paper Company





Looking Ahead: 2025 Goals

- Monthly and quarterly objectives, continue format with county
 - Finalize program SOPs and strategy for public use
 - 3 harvests complete with 25% wood sold in county
 - Full chain of custody working, further support
 - Grants for 2026 biennium
 - Complete case study + present at state county conference, SAF
 - Meet with each commissioner quarterly
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Thank you