

CATS Membership virtual Meeting  
April 28, 2021. 9:30 am  
Attendance 37

President Barbara White welcomed all members.  
Mary Spear, Co-Chairman of the Education committee, introduced today's speaker:  
Chandler Van Voorhis, a widely acknowledged leading expert in conservation and ecological markets. He is Managing Partner at ACRE Investment Management, and Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Green Trees ([www.green-trees.com](http://www.green-trees.com)).

#### THE GENIUS OF NATURE

ACRE (Advanced Carbon Restored Ecosystem) represents all the environmental and conservation attributes associated with the restoration and/or conservation of one physical acre of property. It serves as a model for beginning to value natural capital and use the power of Nature's technology to address climate change.

ACRE operates 4 companies:

Big River- a nursery operation and home to cottonwood trees that are at the heart of a planting regime that uses inter-planting as one of the primary tools used to build forests in a compressed time-frame. Cottonwoods are planted alongside hardwood trees and used as nursery trees for the slower growing hardwoods.

Forest Green- Mobilizes technology through its Carbon Transaction Platform, which empowers businesses and individuals to drive climate change with each transaction.

Green Trees-A program that incentivizes landowner participation through a public/private partnership model that keep farmers on their land and creates economic incentives for environmental stewardship.

Conservation-Works with private landowners as well as purchases targeted lands to monetize ecological credits on each acre of property-wetland, stream, nutrient, carbon, water storage, etc. This connection between clean air and water puts forests at the center of the conservation efforts.

(The above was taken from the ACRE website as well as notes from Mr. Voorhis's talk)

Mr. Voorhis explained with more detail the work of each of the 4 companies described above while stressing that most important is reforestation and planting millions of trees.

Members showed their interest in this topic by asking many important questions. Mr. Voorhis graciously offered to make his power point available to our CATS membership.

Business meeting:

President: Barbara White

Barbara announced that Trees Virginia will be offering the Tree Symposium this year and because it will be on Zoom, everyone is invited. This is a notice to remember the date-Thursday June 24 and Friday June 25 from 9-1. The formal notice will be sent out soon.

President-elect Robin Hanes

Robin thanked members for purchasing trees and making this the most successful tree sale since 2016. 304 trees were sold and we collected \$3,310.00. There are plans to have a fall tree sale open to the public.

May 8, 2021 Potting party at the nursery. Check on TIF

#### Arbor Day-

Walker Upper School will have students tell about trees on the alle at 10. CTC representatives as well as CATS will be on hand to celebrate as Mike Royane, Charlottesville City Arborist, makes the presentation to the school.

Maplewood Cemetery-2021 Landmark Tree Celebration of Post Oak with CATS and CTC. All are welcome.

#### Education: Tim Maywalt and Mary Spear

The Tree Steward Class is set to begin in the fall unless anything new comes up with COVID restrictions. Registration will begin June 15. The class content will be the same as in the past but on-line classes and field activities will take place only on week-ends.

May Tree Basics Class- Identify and control non-native invasive plants

May Membership Meeting speaker: Phil Stokes: Woodland restoration-Stokes farm and CATS' projects.

CATS Photo Library is up and running. There is a short introduction that shows how to upload and download pictures.

#### Projects: Kathy Nepote

4/1/21 Jackson Via School Weeding and planting

4/8/21 Burley School Removing invasives

4/23/21 Rt. 20 Gateway Pruning

4/26/21 Burley School Removing invasives

#### Upcoming work days

5/8/21 Nursery potting party

5/?/21. NE Park

5/19/21. Ivy Creek Mulching and weeding

Always check TIF to see what work events have been posted.

#### Communications: Penny Kaiserlian and Martha Orton

Arbor Day activities have been highlighted with two events planned for April 29. The first will be at Walker School at 10 am with students talking about different species of trees growing along the alee. The second event will be held at 12:30 in the Maplewood Cemetery with the designation of the stunning Post Oak as a Landmark Tree.

Martha reports much activity continues on our Facebook page. She has had contact with Sean Tubbs who posts a Charlottesville Engagement Calendar. In the next few months, it will show highlights of CATS activities as well as information regarding CATS Tree Basics classes and the Fall Tree Steward Class.

Past President: Rachel Keen

Rachel gave an update on the OLLI class that CATS has been presenting this month. Four talks have already been given and the feedback has been most positive. There will be 3 more classes with the virtual tree walk being the final class.

May 26, 2021 Zoom Membership Meeting. 9:30

Meeting adjourned 11:05.