

June 2025 RAHC Roundup: Pennsylvania Delegation in Action

The “Pennsylvania Delegation” hit the road in June to shine a spotlight on Real American Hardwoods—here’s how we brought our message to life:

Tour de Belt: From Forest to Finish Line



Pictured L to R: Marc Lewis (Dwight Lewis Lumber & HDC member), Darrel Showers (PDA Hardwoods Development Council), Alex Storm (Penn State Mont Alto), Reina Tyl (PA Game Commission), Seth Cassell (DCNR), Jonathan Geyer (PDA Hardwoods Development Council), Wayne Bender (PA Forestry Association Representative), Matt Gabler (COO, Appropriations Committee). Riding custom PA hardwood bicycles, our team showcased the strength, beauty, and sustainability of local hardwoods—one pedal stroke at a time.

Pennsylvania Timber Show: Tech Meets Timber



RAHC was front and center at Penn State's Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center. Visitors got hands-on with cutting-edge forestry equipment and learned how Pennsylvania's working forests power a \$21.8 billion industry.

[AIA Conference on Architecture & Design 2025](#)



L to R: Michelle Arsenault (Wood Products Manufacturers Association), Brooke Pajkurich (NHFA), and Darrell Showers (PA Hardwoods Development Council). The Pennsylvania booth in Boston sparked insightful conversations with architects and designers about specifying PA and American hardwoods for high-end interiors and sustainable building projects.

PA Forest Careers Video

#PAWorkingForestsWork   



The new PA Forest Careers video highlights high tech careers with in the forest and wood products industry and celebrates innovation—from drone-assisted inventory to bioenergy solutions. Watch it now on the [PA Forest Careers site](#)!

[Camp Kanesatake](#) Outreach

Stephanie Phillips-Taggart of the [Keystone Wood Products Association](#) is bringing real-world forestry science to 100–150 campers each week this summer. Kids craft wooden necklaces and calculate the stored carbon all while discovering why American hardwoods are a climate-smart choice.

Speaking Engagements: Spreading the RAHC Message



- [ACF](#) National Conference (Lancaster, PA) Jon Geyer ([PDA HDC](#)), Amy Shields ([AHUG](#)), and Stephanie Phillips-Taggart ([KWPA](#)) delivered a joint market-support presentation highlighting RAHC initiatives. *Jon Geyer showcases ongoing Real American Hardwood efforts.*
- **Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group** - Amy Shields gave two deep-dive talks on Pennsylvania's hardwood industry and provided updates on RAHC milestones we've achieved so far.

Stay tuned for more updates—and if you'd like us to spotlight a specific project or upcoming event in July, let us know!