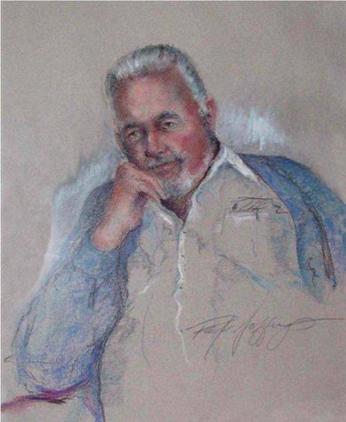


December 1, 2015



Dear Friend of Berkshire Conservation District,

Adrian "Beau" Meyer cared about protecting natural resources in the Berkshires. A resident of the town of Peru, he managed his property to renew and preserve the land. During his lifetime, he shared his passion for nurturing the environment by serving as chairman of the State Commission for the Conservation of Soil, Water, and Related Resources, as a supervisor and chairman of the Berkshire Conservation District, and as a Chairperson for the Berkshire-Pioneer Resource Conservation and Development Council. Beau was a member of both the Wood Producers Association and the Massachusetts Tree Farm Committee, receiving an Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year award in 1985.

When Beau passed away at the end of 2004, friends and supporters sent donations to the district in his memory. To honor this man who dedicated his life to preserving the forested landscape and to ensure that his legacy endures, Berkshire Conservation District is working with the College of Natural Sciences and the Department of Environmental Conservation at UMass Amherst and the UMass Amherst Foundation to apply donations toward the endowment of the Adrian "Beau" Meyer Forestry Scholarship. The scholarship has raised \$17,628 so far, of which \$2,250 has been awarded for three \$750 scholarships to a student from Berkshire County or residing in the four Western Massachusetts counties enrolled in UMass Forestry programs. The recipients thus far are:

Tyler Weinstein in 2013 from Great Barrington, MA (Berkshire)
Jacob Andrew Macko in 2014 from South Hadley, MA (Hampshire)
Keith Goulet in 2015 from Springfield, MA (Hampden)

To create an endowment for the Adrian Meyer Fund, we need to secure \$6,000 more. If this is secured by the end of 2015, the UMass Foundation would match it and contribute \$12,500 to achieve the Adrian Meyer endowment. As someone who lives or works in our great Commonwealth, you may be concerned with protecting the soil, water, forests, or farms in your community, as Beau was. We invite you to join others in supporting the education of the future stewards of our environmental landscape. **Please consider making a donation by December 31, 2015 to reach our endowment goal so that this scholarship may honor Beau's memory and provide financial aid to a promising UMass student for many years to come.**

Visit www.berkshireconservation.org to make your donation, or mail your check to:

Berkshire Conservation District
78 Center St., Suite 206
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Make checks payable to Berkshire Conservation District. Write "Adrian Meyer scholarship" in the memo line.

Sincerely,

Robert Lear, Chairman
Board of District Supervisors