



Forest conservation and Presidential candidate Joe Sestak

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Pennsylvania has more than two million acres of state forest land. The forests provide economic, social and ecological benefits to the state. The state forests are considered a resource for recreation, plant and animal habitat, water and air purification and aesthetic beauty.

However, forests face several challenges to remain healthy including development, climate change, invasive species and fire.

At the same time, most forest land is owned and controlled by private property owners.

How forests are conserved, maintained and managed will have a great impact on their future and consequently the health of the ecosystem, plants, animal, waterways and the air we breathe.

Monday's Smart Talk explores the health of Pennsylvania's forests and what's being done to ensure their future.

Appearing on Smart Talk to discuss how individuals and state programs can work to conserve Pennsylvania forests are Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania State Forester Ellen Shultzabarger and Josh Parrish, Director of the Nature Conservancy's Working Woodlands Program.

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