



# Going Green

OUR JOURNEY HAS JUST BEGUN

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from the Banks Hardwoods  
Environmental Committee

Earth Day is tomorrow! Do something good for the earth. Recycle, carpool, change an old light bulb to a CFL, read an article on the environment or the green movement. Think green! Our walking trail is open for business in Mottville. Take a walk with a fellow employee or small group and talk about your environment. What ideas do you have to improve it?

Our tree farms have been planted with all 18,500 trees. It was a fun three days. We shared the experience by inviting a high school environmental sciences class out to watch some of the activity and here short talks on tree farming as well as our company environmental efforts.

## Banks Contributes to the American Chestnut Foundation

Banks Hardwoods made a \$2,500 contribution to The American Chestnut Foundation this spring to finance a deer fence that will protect a new chestnut seedling program located along the Tippecanoe River in Indiana. We're excited to be a part of AFC's endeavour to bring back the American Chestnut back from blight. The organization will celebrate its 25th anniversary this year. I'm hoping someday soon to be able to plant chestnut seedlings on future Banks tree farms.

## FSC Certification Application

Banks Hardwoods applied for FSC certification this month. This process will take at least 12 weeks to complete. Once we have our certification we will be able to buy and sell certified products through our White Pigeon and Menomonie locations. There is a real and growing call for FSC certified material now. What the label means is that we can prove that lumber sold under the certified status comes from sustainably managed forests. Richard Keeso of JH Keeso, who produces some of the finest quality lumber in North America, is becoming certified as well and will be able to provide us with certified lumber by year end.



"There is no business to be done on a dead planet."

### E-MISSION STATEMENT

"As we strive to produce the highest quality lumber and provide the very best service to our customers we will do everything within our means to minimize the harm we do to our environment."

### SUGGESTIONS

There are many things we could do to help the environment. If you have any suggestions, please bring them to the committee.

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## Newberry Blue Bird Houses

Newberry will be installing bluebird houses provided by Vern Neff this month as a part of their E-Program. Thank you Vern for your help with this project.