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Forestry Association of South Carolina President Cam Crawford was presented a \$5,000 grant awarded by Kristen Beckham, External Affairs Representative for Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation, to support the SC Sustainable Forestry Teachers' Tour. The tour is a graduate level course offered by the Office of Professional Development in Education at the College of Charleston. Teachers in grades kindergarten through 12 can participate, and the course focuses on the importance of sustainable forestry to South Carolina's environment, economy, and quality of life. The program was hosted for the 20th consecutive year in 2017 by the Forestry Association of SC, the SC Forestry Commission, and SC Timber Producers Association.

"The Forestry Association really appreciates the grant from Dominion Energy. Dominion's support will allow us to train additional teachers about sustainable forestry and the importance of South Carolina's \$21 Billion forest industry" said Cam Crawford.

Through the financial support of the forestry community in South Carolina and other funding sources such as Dominion Energy, the weeklong tour is offered at no expense to the participants. It is designed to educate teachers about all aspects of growing and managing forests, timber harvesting, and the manufacturing of forest products. Over 575 teachers have completed the course since its inception, representing schools from across South Carolina.

"Dominion Energy and the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation are pleased to partner with the South Carolina Forestry Foundation to support hands-on environmental and forestry education across South Carolina," said Kristen Beckham, External Affairs for Dominion Energy.

Planning has already begun for the 2018 Sustainable Forestry Teachers' Tour, which will be held in Hartsville, SC. For more information about the tour or the other forestry education programs of the Forestry Association of SC, contact Janet Steele at 803-798-4170 or visit www.scforestry.org.

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