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Dear MTH Participants,

Recent market shifts have impacted every part of the forest products supply chain, including the budget for the Georgia Master Timber Harvester (MTH) Program. After careful consideration, the GA SIC voted to increase its own investment in the program while proportionally raising MTH fees. This decision followed thorough discussion and was not made lightly.

Despite reducing budgeted program expenses by more than 8% in 2026, declining participation driven by market changes continues to increase the cost per individual.

### **MTH Program Fees Effective January 1, 2026**

- **Annual Renewal:** \$50
- **In-Person Introductory Workshop<sup>+</sup>:** \$275
- **Virtual Introductory Workshop<sup>\*</sup>:** \$350
- 2026 Reinstatement: \$100 (unchanged)
- **2027 Reinstatement:** \$150
- Transfers: \$50 (unchanged)

<sup>+</sup> *In-person introductory workshop participants receive additional perks such as personal protective equipment (ppe), lunch and MTH vanity card included with cost of course.*

<sup>\*</sup> *MTH cards will no longer be provided upon completion of the virtual introductory workshop. Participants can generate a printable pdf [card on demand](#) or order a physical [vanity card](#) for \$10.*

Consistent support from [GA SIC-certified organizations](#) and additional donations from [Huber Engineered Woods](#) and [Smurfit WestRock](#) in 2025 helped prevent larger fee increases. We remain hopeful markets will stabilize or better yet rebound and will continue reviewing the program to keep costs reasonable.

Thank you for your participation in the MTH Program. Every member of the forestry community is valued. Please contact the MTH office with any questions.

Truly,

David James  
Coordinator