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## **Synergistic Activities**

Co-coordinator, Tampa Bay Watershed Forest Working Group

This collaborative brings together participants from federal, state, regional, and municipal governments as well as professionals in the private sector (NGO & for profit). This collaborative fosters sharing of information and resources to enhance the sustainable management of the urban and urbanizing forests within the Tampa Bay watershed which covers a five county area in Central Florida. (2006-ongoing)

Director, Governor's Executive Committee on Trees and Forests in Maryland Led an appointed group of political, natural resource agency and industry leaders in the development of policy and programmatic initiatives concerning forest and wildlife conservation for the Governor of Maryland. (1987 – 1996)

Executive Director, Alliance for the Maryland Forest Led not-for-profit group whose principle activity was the organization and presentation of natural resource management education programs. (1987 – 1994)