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Virginia chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation meets
August 19 in Meadowview, VA

Meadowview, VA -- The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) Meadowview Research Farms is hosting an informal event August 19 to discuss plans for the formation of TACF’s 14th state chapter in Virginia. All are welcome to attend the meeting which is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The meeting will include information about regional research efforts, volunteer opportunities and a presentation by TACF’s President and CEO Marshal Case.

Tours of the Wagner Research Farm and the Glenn C. Price Research Farms which comprise TACF’s research facility will follow the meeting. The farms include approximately 26,000 American chestnut trees planted on approximately 130 acres.

“We’ve had a strong presence here in Meadowview since 1989 with our research facility and we’re thrilled to be forming what we hope will be a very active state chapter in TACF’s national network,” said Dr. Fred Hebard, TACF’s plant pathologist.

Today, the American chestnut, once on the brink of extinction, is making a comeback with the help of scientists, geneticists and volunteers such as Neel Rich, president of the provisional Virginia chapter.

“The American chestnut at one time accounted for one of every four hardwood trees most of the forests in the eastern part of the United States. We’re so fortunate to have such a dedicated and group of people who want to be a part of bringing back this wonderful tree in the state of Virginia,” said Rich. “We are looking forward to building a very strong state chapter.”

The American Chestnut Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)-3 organization with more than 5,500 members around the world and chapters in 13 states across the country. Please visit www.acf.org for more information on national, state and local activities.