

## Dovetail Reports - A Year in Review

As 2024 comes to an end, take a few minutes to catch up on any reports you may have missed.



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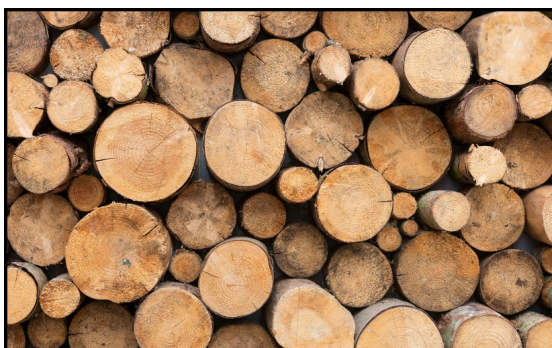
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# Dovetail News - A Year in Review



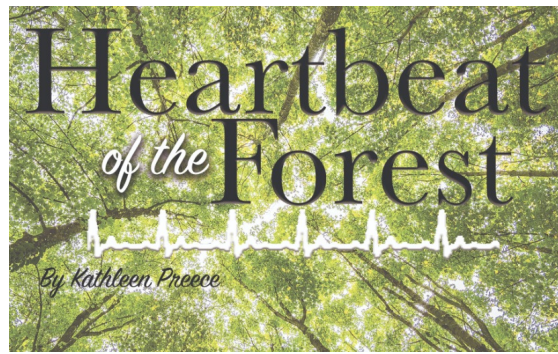
## Dovetail represented on 9th American Forest Congress Sustainable Forest Products Working Group

Planning is well underway for the Ninth American Forest Congress: Equity and Climate, to be held in Washington, D.C. on July 15 - 18, 2025. Associate Michael Snyder is representing Dovetail Partners in the Workgroup developing a framework for Sustainable Forest Products, one of five key pathways (along with Forest Health and Resilience, Reforestation, Land Stewardship, and Equity) for the Congress.

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### BIOENERGY UPDATE: A U.S. OUTLOOK

**Key Takeaways**

The 2023 Bioeconomy Report identified potential for production of up to 1.5 billion tons of biomass and a related bio-based products volume comprising 20% and 26% of total production for total feed fiber and rapid biofeed.

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With investment in production, vehicle emissions by 2030 will be reduced by 100%.

As a leader in biomass production, the US is well positioned to reduce total emissions by 400%.

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### WORKFORCE NEEDS & CHALLENGES IN THE U.S. FOREST AND WOOD PRODUCTS SECTOR

**THE U.S. FOREST AND WOOD PRODUCTS SECTOR IS A SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYER AND CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ECONOMY**

The forest and wood products sector is a significant employer and contributor to the economy. It provides a wide range of products and services, from lumber and wood products to paper and bio-based products.

**WORKFORCE CHANGES AND CHALLENGES**

The sector faces several workforce challenges, including a shortage of skilled workers, an aging workforce, and a need for training and education. The sector also faces challenges related to climate change and environmental regulations.

**THE VALUE OF SKILLED WORKERS**

Skilled workers are essential for the sector's success. They provide the expertise and craftsmanship needed to produce high-quality products and services. The sector also faces challenges related to the value of skilled workers, including a need for training and education.

**EFFECTIVE WORKFORCE STRATEGIES IN THE FOREST AND WOOD PRODUCTS SECTOR**

The sector can address workforce challenges through several strategies, including training and education, recruitment and retention, and industry collaboration. The sector also faces challenges related to the effectiveness of these strategies, including a need for funding and support.

**FOR RECRUITMENT**

Recruitment strategies should focus on attracting a diverse workforce, including young people and people from underserved communities. The sector also faces challenges related to the effectiveness of these strategies, including a need for funding and support.

**FOR RETENTION**

Retention strategies should focus on providing a supportive work environment, including training and development opportunities. The sector also faces challenges related to the effectiveness of these strategies, including a need for funding and support.

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**The MARKET for LEED**

- Over 13,500 LEED v4.1 projects registered globally
- 70% in the US
- 25.5 in Canada
- Up to 12 points awarded related to wood product choices

**Supporting YOUR Customers**

- Critical design products are most targeted material for project structures and/or end-users
- LEED for projects
- Other certified green (FSC, PEFC, SFI) and/or products with certified recycled content (RSC) 1, 2
- Provide chemical disclosure and verification of harmful content or the early published material flow inventory
- More than 12 points awarded for wood products

**LEED v5**

LEED v5 has an opportunity to recognize the multiple benefits of wood as a construction material:

- Recognition for embodied carbon reductions (equivalent to avoiding 1 ton of CO<sub>2</sub> per ton of wood) from construction - reducing climate change, reducing forest health and resiliency, contributing to managing wildfire risks and insects, and many other economic, societal and social benefits
- Tracking green timber products to earn points for 20% reduction of global warming potential (GWP) through management practices that include:
  - Reduced site preparation and site disturbance
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# Work by Dovetail Interns



Check out some of the work our Dovetail Interns have been involved in this past year.

Dovetail offers internship opportunities year-round, in partnership with various colleges and universities, and with flexibility in timing, duration, and other considerations to best fit individual needs and interests.



Dovetail Intern Reflects on Attending Soil Health Summit



Environmental Justice: History and Impacts

# Dovetail Guest Speakers



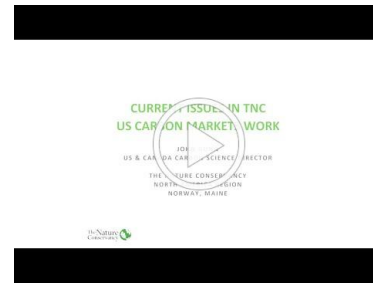
Central Lakes College  
Natural Resources Program

Kent Montgomery, a natural resources instructor from Central Lakes College in Brainerd, MN, shared insights into student recruitment, retention, and job placement strategies.



Dennis Kepler | Division of Forestry, Resource Assessment Program Supervisor

Dennis Kepler, a Resource Assessment Supervisor at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, shared specifics about the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program.



John Gunn, the US & Canada Carbon Science Director at TNC, shared insights into the natural climate solutions context of TNC carbon markets work, examples of TNC work in the US, and more.

[Watch More Videos](#)

## 2024: A Year of Growth, Community, and Collaboration



2024 has been the year of growth and connection for Dovetail Partners. We've expanded our work, strengthened relationships, and come together as a team in meaningful ways, like our in-person retreat in August.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our team, the support of our community, and the power of collaboration.



**We want your feedback!**  
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