**News Release**

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**Forests provide climate solutions for our world**

*[INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME] and Gutchess Lumber remind consumers that lumber is a natural climate solution*

<CITY, STATE>, [DATE] – When we think of climate solutions, we might not initially picture our natural forests, but when it comes to helping provide an effective means of mitigating the greenhouse effect, the trees around us are a key solution.

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While trees are often used for lumber, they also provide an additional helpful resource in their ability to absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and store it in their trunks. When forests are managed and harvested responsibly, it ensures a continuous cycle of carbon capture and storage — a real advantage for a world that is faced with greenhouse gas emissions and carbon footprints.

“Our commitment to environmental stewardship begins in the forest and supports the flow of carbon that is sequestered in the timber to the hardwood lumber products we produce,” Gutchess Lumber President and Chairman Matthew Gutchess said. “Hardwood products can store carbon for decades, centuries, or indefinitely in some cases.”

[Forests](https://www.forestcarbondataviz.org/) are typically divided into two key types: non-working forests and working forests.

* Non-working forests are forests that aren’t working–meaning they aren’t being used for the lumber industry. They typically are made up of older trees and absorb carbon dioxide at a much lower rate but store large amounts of it within them.
* Working forests are not only being used to produce wood products, but they are also absorbing carbon dioxide at a very rapid rate. On average, working forests can absorb more carbon dioxide emissions than the U.S. produces in passenger vehicle travel.

For businesses like <*INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME>* and Gutchess Lumber, private working forests are key. A 2019 [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](https://www.fs.usda.gov/research/treesearch/40291#:~:text=US%20policymakers%20should%20take%20to,an%20annual%20sustained%20yield%20of) special report stated, “a sustainable forest management strategy aimed at maintaining or increasing forest carbon stocks, while producing an annual sustained yield of timber, fiber or energy from the forest will generate the largest sustained mitigation benefit.” We couldn’t agree more.

**About Gutchess Lumber**

Gutchess Lumber is a 5th generation family and employee-owned organization that is committed to producing the finest quality of northern hardwood lumber across New York and Pennsylvania. Founded in 1904, the company has over 500 employee-owners and maintains high quality lumber being a fully integrated producer of hardwood, from timberlands to sawmills to dry kilns. To learn more about Gutchess Lumber and their products, visit their website [here](https://www.gutchess.com/).

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