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Biography

Fred Clark is the Executive Director of The Forest Stewards Guild – a national organization dedicated to sustainable forestry and forest science. He is also the owner and founder of Baraboo Woodworks of Madison, WI, a business specializing in locally sourced urban wood products.

Since 1989, Clark has worked as a forest ecologist for The Nature Conservancy, as a service forester for the State of Wisconsin, and as a consulting forester and forestry contractor. Clark served three terms as a Representative to the Wisconsin State Assembly from 2009 – 2014. He has served on the Wisconsin Council on Forestry from 2004 until 2014.

In the 1990's Clark worked as an FSC auditor, and his company Clark Forestry, Inc. became one of the first FSC certified resource managers in the Lake States.

Clark has a B.S. in Horticulture and Forestry from Michigan State University (1985), and an M.S. in Forest Science from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

A long-time professional member of the Forest Stewards Guild, Clark took on the Guild's Executive Director position in November, 2014.

Position Statement

I will bring a career's experience as a forest practitioner and conservationist, including work for and with many FSC certified operations. I was involved in the development of FSC standards in the 1990's and worked both as an auditor and as a certified entity. I represent an organization - The Forest Stewards Guild - with many members who are deeply involved with FSC, either as certified, practitioners, auditors, or stakeholders. It is critical the FSC remain a relevant and practical standard, and that FSC as an organization adapt appropriately to changing circumstances for forests around the nation and the world. I'm excited for the opportunity to help continue this important work.