

## MFPC Expert Supports SB78 on Capitol-Area News Show

*Scott Robbins, Director of SFI & Public Affairs spoke in favor of the hot-button bill on Lansing City Pulse Newsmakers weekly show.*

Lansing, Mich.—Scott Robbins, Michigan Forest Products Council Director of SFI & Public Affairs, appeared on this week's *Lansing City Pulse Newsmakers*. The roundtable-style discussion focused on the impact of up-coming Senate Bill 78, with Robbins speaking in full support of the bill.

Robbins was joined by Anne Woiwode, director of the Michigan Sierra Club; Julie Powers, executive director of the Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council; and Walt Sorg, *City Pulse* contributor. The 30-minute public-access show aired Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and can be found online at the *City Pulse* website.



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Robbins refuted comments that Senate Bill 78 undermines the scientific management of forestland and threatens the protection of Michigan's natural resources.

"We think biodiversity ought to be protected on every acre of Michigan land," Robbins responded, "We just think there are better ways of doing it than the BSA program."

The growth of Michigan's forest land has been measured at a net gain of four. This means that for every tree harvested, five are planted in its place, and approximately one of those five is lost to natural causes. As independent study of Michigan's forestland deemed Michigan's forests to be in excellent health and have the potential to be both highly productive and an attractive natural feature for Michigan citizens and visitors to enjoy.

"The forest products industry employs 154,000 Michigan citizens and generates \$12 billion in annual revenue for the state of Michigan," said Kevin Korpi, executive director of MFPC, "Imperative to the success of this industry is a continued commitment to environmental stewardship, best management

practices, and sustainable long-term fiber supply. Our members believe all of those objectives are advanced in SB 78.”

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