

Following my short presentation at September's CRE Conference Sustainability Panel, I received many questions and comments regarding guidance on paper procurement practices. To more fully answer those questions I have brought together four Dogwood Alliance publications that speak to how civil society and environmental non-governmental organizations have framed paper sustainability. In particular the Green Grades Report sets out the five core categories crucial to forest protection: post-consumer recycled content; sustainable forest management; Endangered Forest protection; establishing chain-of-custody to determine origin of paper products; and prohibiting the conversion of native forests into tree farms or other non-forest land uses. It has been our experience and public position that using these categories as a matrix to evaluate and guide paper purchasing is fundamental to success.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have additional questions. Thank you again for your interest in these important issues and your commitment to continuous improvement towards sustainability. I look forward to joining you on the road to sustainability.

Sincerely,

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The following materials are all available for download at:

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1. Green Grades
The Green Grades report card evaluates the leading office supply companies on five categories crucial to forest protection: post-consumer recycled content; sustainable forest management; Endangered Forest protection; establishing chain-of-custody to determine origin of paper products; and prohibiting the conversion of native forests into tree farms or other non-forest land uses.
2. "Understories" Summer 2008 Newsletter
The latest of our quarterly "Understories" newsletter reports on our ongoing No Free Refills fast food packaging reform campaign as well as our work in support of Domini Social Investments shareholder resolution at the International Paper annual general meeting regarding improved forestry practices.
3. Bowater Report
Our report, "Southern Forests & Bowater, Inc. Progress Report" details the leap forward Bowater (now AbitibiBowater) made in honoring its commitment to improve forestry

practices in the Southern US and in protecting forests of ecological significance on the Cumberland Plateau of Eastern Kentucky, Central Tennessee and Northern Alabama.

4. 10th Anniversary Report

The story of Dogwood Alliance's emergence as the leading world-class expert in holding corporations accountable for the impact of unsustainable forestry practices on Southern forests.