**Forestry Workgroup – Draft 2013 Workplan**

1) Midpoint Assessment (MPA) & BMP Efficiency Review

* Provide input to Land Use Workgroup and Modeling Workgroup on defining/mapping proposed new land use classes (i.e. upland forest and riparian/floodplain forest) and quantifying loading rates (ONGOING)
* Complete BMP expert panel reviews for buffers and urban tree planting; share results with FWG; utilize buffer expert panel to get input on loading rates for upland vs. riparian/floodplain forest (WINTER/SPRING)
* Develop workplan to follow up on our MPA lower priority items 1) forest harvesting data, 2) communicating air deposition/forest loading connections (DUE FEB 4)

2) BMP Verification Protocols

* Get FWG input and complete Verification Protocols for forestry BMPs (DUE FEB 21)
* Work with states on a plan/timeline for implementing the protocols (ONGOING)

3) Chesapeake Watershed Forestry Program Review (MARCH 6-7, 2013)

* 2 day FWG meeting to review funded programs: Forestry for the Bay, Bay Bank/LandServer, Growing Native, Potomac Watershed Partnership Coordination, NFWF Small Watershed Grants (forestry funding)

4) Forest Restoration Strategy & Buffer Goals

* Review and select 2013-2014 Strategy actions to be pursued and identify possible FWG roles in implementing (APRIL)
* Draft white paper on forest buffer progress/challenges/recommendations to accelerate implementation (SPRING/SUMMER)
* Start planning for a forest buffer “summit” (leadership meeting) with the USDA-Forestry team and state leaders; possible interim meeting at Stroud Water Research Center (SPRING/SUMMER)

5) Working Lands Conservation Strategy

* Get FWG feedback on draft Strategy (JANUARY and beyond)
* Draft brief status report on forest cover/loss/conservation in Bay (SUMMER)

6) Forest Mapping Issues & Tools

* Review CB forest cover indicator (see briefing paper from 9/5/12 FWG meeting); explore options for providing forest cover data for use at local government scale
* Complete and pilot mapping tools Land Image Analyst (formerly RBMapper) and USGS Forested Land Management System (formerly COAST)

**Proposed Meeting Schedule, Jan-July 2013**

Jan no meeting

Feb 6 call, focus on Forestry BMPs (2012 progress, panel review, verification)

Mar 6/7 in person, program review

Apr 3 call, focus on Forest Restoration Strategy

May 1 in person, focus on forest cover mapping issues/tools

June 5 call, TBD

July 3 no meeting