



Chesapeake Bay Program
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Agriculture Workgroup

March 2024

Agenda

1 Supporting Agroforestry Implementation

2 PA Remote Sensing Update

3 Ag Industry Data for Phase 7

4 New Business, Announcements, and Updates



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Supporting Agroforestry Implementation

Why Agroforestry?

- 5 USDA-recognized agroforestry practices
 - Benefits: water quality, and more!
- Not as widespread as other practices, but growing in popularity
 - Not all credited in our modeling tools (alley cropping, silvopasture, forest farming)
- NRCS is allocating more funding to support these practices
- Introduction to the topic today, including implementation, etc.
 - Do we want to pursue crediting these practices?

What's Next?

- Today is a primer for future discussions
 - USDA-EPA Crediting Task Force recommendation: credit more USDA practices
 - Examples from groups implementing these practices within the watershed
 - Joint Agriculture Workgroup, Forestry Workgroup, Chesapeake Bay Agroforestry Network meeting

PA Remote Sensing Update

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AMT Updates – Tom Butler



Staffing Updates & Housekeeping

- Thank you, Jackie!
- “Permanent” replacement: late spring
 - Before then, different staffers filling in
- Things to note:
 - Current AgWG meeting invites will be cancelled
 - I will send new batch of invites, cancelling when new staffer takes over
 - Look for AgWG-related emails from Alex Gunnerson and others (temporarily)

PSC Updates - Agriculture Advisory Committee

- Creation of an Action Team to Research the Creation of an Agriculture Advisory Committee
 - Decision: **The partners agreed to establish an action team to develop recommendations on whether to establish an Agricultural Advisory Committee.** Final recommendations should be ready for PSC consideration in time for the June PSC meeting. The partners also agreed to the action team charging document.

PSC Updates – Crediting Task Force

1. Task Force ‘Action Plan’ – finalizing a spreadsheet that includes additional detail for each solution:
 - Current and additional scientific data required
 - CBP committee lead
 - Implementation steps
 - Time to enact
 - Partners to involve
 - Funding needs
2. Action plan provided to the PSC and Management Board to assign solutions to relevant CBP committees

In-Person Meeting Poll

- Four dates with greatest likely in-person attendance:
 - Thurs, June 13th
 - Mon, August 12th
 - **Thurs, September 19th**
 - **Thurs, October 17th**
- Currently exploring options for 9/19 and 10/17

Anything else?

- Send to Jackie Pickford
(Pickford.Jacqueline@epa.gov) for inclusion in
“Recap” email

Thank you!

Any questions?

You can contact me at Hughes.Eric@epa.gov



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