



**Forestry Workgroup  
Meeting**

August 2, 2023

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- 9:00 Welcome and Introductions-** *Rebecca Hanmer, chair*
- 9:10 Announcements-** *Katie Brownson, USFS, Coordinator*
- Nominations for Forestry Workgroup Co-Chairs
  - Update on Reaching 25 and Beyond 25
  - Update on new GIT funding project: Optimizing Riparian Forest Buffer Implementation for Climate Adaptation and Resilience.
- 9:20 Review of 1-meter LULC Tree Canopy/Forest Classes-** *Sarah McDonald, USGS*  
Based on discussions with the Forestry Workgroup and other informed stakeholders, including folks at FIA (the Listers), the LULC Data Project team is proposing significant revisions to the tree canopy and forest classes to better align with FIA. This presentation will review the definitions/rules that are proposed to change for a final round of feedback before implementation in the 2024 edition of the LULC data. Approvals from the Forestry Workgroup will be shared with the Land Use Workgroup in September for final approval.
- 9:40 Accelerating Progress on Riparian Forest Buffer Goals: Financial and Human Capacity Factors-** *Will McGrath, CRC (C-StREAM intern)*  
Will McGrath has spent his summer gathering data and accounts from various partners around the bay about the staffing and financial capacity of their organizations. He has analyzed this information in order to try and find ways to increase Riparian Forest Buffers in the Bay Watershed.
- 10:00 Developing and initiating a Riparian Forest Buffer Outcomes Purchase Fund in the Chesapeake Bay Region-** *The Environmental Policy Innovation Center (EPIC)*  
EPIC has been working on a GIT-funded project to develop and initiate a Riparian Forest Buffer Outcomes Purchase Fund. The plan works to deeply understand current barriers and create an approach that mitigates them using a strong understanding of conservation finance and business plan development.
- 10:30 GIT Funding Project Ideas**
- 10:45 Round Robin**