



AGENDA

Chesapeake Bay Program Forestry Workgroup Meeting
April 8th, 2014, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location:

Waterford Old School
4022 Fairfax Street
Waterford, Virginia 20197

Conference Line: 888-844-9904, **Code:** 680-2405#
Adobe Connect: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/fwg/>

10:00 Welcome

Rebecca Hanmer

10:10 Land Use Workgroup Recommendations

Sally Claggett

The FWG will review the latest annotated list of proposed land uses for Phase 6.0 of the Chesapeake Bay Model. This document has been added to the calendar site for today's Meeting: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/21647>

There are a number of new forest land uses that the FWG will decide whether or not to support the continued pursuit by the Bay Program of these forested land uses. As a reminder, the land uses under consideration are: urban tree canopy, riparian/floodplain forest, (true) forest, mixed open, and disturbed forest.

10:40 Forest Harvesting BMPs and Tracking in VA

Matt Poirot

Matt will give a brief background on Forest Harvesting BMPs – what they are and why they are important. Matt will talk about the process Virginia takes to monitor and report on Forest Harvesting BMPs.

11:10 Monitoring of Forest Harvest BMPs in MD (and DE)

Anne Hairston-Strang

Anne will talk briefly about the protocol used in the northeast to monitor Forest Harvest BMP effectiveness. She will also talk about her project to monitor BMP implementation in MD and DE.

11:30 Forest Harvesting BMP Credit and Reporting in the CB Model

Sally Claggett

Background information provided on how the Model currently accounts for Forest Harvesting land use and Forest Harvesting BMPs credit, and proposal for new Expert Panel. The Verification guidance for forest harvesting BMPs will also be reviewed as a refresher and for further discussion in the field. Through CBP Verification process, and as the states write their protocols for Verification, there will be opportunity to consider more closely how each state tracks and monitors this practice. FWG will discuss how to proceed on Forest Harvesting BMP Expert Panel.

LUNCH – Please bring your own lunch!

Field Trip – Carpool to nearby forest harvesting site

3:00 Adjourn from field site