



Forestry Workgroup Meeting June

June 3rd, 2026
10:00am - 3:00 pm

In Person: Goochland Branch Library, 3075 River Road West, Goochland, VA 23063.

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Purpose:

- Share findings and recommendations from the recent STAC workshop- Healthy Forests: Proactive Strategies for Managing Threats and Promoting Conservation
- Discuss a draft proposal for forestry BMP inputs to the E3 scenario that will be used to inform the development of water quality planning targets
- Learn about local programs and initiatives in Virginia through presentations and a field tour

Agenda

Morning Session 10-12pm

I. Welcome and Introductions (10:00 – 10:05)

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Nancy Sonti, USFS

II. Announcements (10:05- 10:10)

- An update to the Chesapeake Bay Shared Stewardship Agreement is in the works! Let Katie know if you would like to review a copy of the draft Agreement
- Modification to Tree Canopy over Impervious loading rate for Phase 7 of the watershed model
- **Next Meeting:** July 1st, 2026, 9:00-11:00am

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Katie Brownson, USFS

III. Management Strategy planning (10:10-10:20)

Katie will provide a reminder on the general process and timeline for developing the new Healthy Forests and Trees Management Strategy in preparation for focused discussions at the July 1st Forestry Workgroup meeting

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Katie Brownson, USFS

IV. Report out from the STAC Healthy Forests workshop (10:20-10:40)

Katie and Craig will share the findings and recommendations from the February 2026 programmatic [STAC workshop- Healthy Forests: Proactive Strategies for Managing Threats and Promoting Conservation](#). The workshop report is in the final stages of review and will be forthcoming.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Katie Brownson, USFS and Craig Highfield, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

V. E3 Scenario Development for Forestry BMPs (10:40-11:00)

Following up from an initial presentation on [E3 \(Everything, by Everyone, Everywhere\) scenario development](#) at the February Forestry Workgroup meeting, Katie will review an early draft of an E3 scenario for forestry BMPs for input and discussion. Workgroup members will also be invited to provide input following the meeting.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Katie Brownson, USFS

VI. Overview of State Farm Conservation Initiative (11:00 – 11:30)

Deya Ramsden and Luke Moore will provide an overview of the State Farm Conservation initiative, the State Farm Task Force, and an overview of the State Farm as a working farm.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Deya Ramsden and Luke Moore

- VII. Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professionals Program (11:30 – 11:45)**
Perry Verge will lead a discussion of the Chesapeake Bay Landscape professionals program.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Perry Verge

- VIII. James Riparian Consortium and James River Buffer Program Update (11:45 – 12:00)**
Rachel Bensink and Taryn Ware will lead updates on the James Riparian Consortium and James River Buffer Programs.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Rachel Bensink and Taryn Ware

 Lunch, Travel to State Farm Property (12:00 – 1:00)

Afternoon Session, 1-3pm

- IX. Riparian Buffer Planting Along Route 6 (1:00 – 1:45)**
We will discuss why this buffer location was chosen as the first major project. We will also discuss what planning tools, technical assistance, and funding sources were used to implement this project, maintenance challenges, and solutions around maintaining the planted trees after initial establishment.
Keith Burgess will share how Monacan Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) provided technical assistance in the design of cattle exclusion infrastructure.

Requested Action: n/a
Lead: Keith Burgess, SWCD
Materials: n/a

- X. State Farm Proposed Timber Harvest Site (1:45 – 2:45)**
Kathleen Ogilvy will lead a discussion on an overview of the State Lands Plan and development of the Stewardship Plan. Emmaline Clark will lead a discussion on the Department of Forestry's Water Quality program overview, proposed timber harvest on the State Farm Property, and Pre-Harvest Plan development for the proposed harvest.

Requested Action: n/a
Lead: Kathleen Ogilvy and Emmaline Clark
Materials: n/a

- XI. Travel back to Vehicles, Adjourn (2:45 – 3:00)**

