



## Chesapeake Bay Program

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### Forestry Workgroup Meeting

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**9:00**      **Welcome and Introductions – Anne Hairston-Strang (MD DNR)**

**9:10**      **Announcements – Katie Brownson (USFS)**

- Welcome to our new staffer, Marilyn Yang!
  - Potential update of meeting platform to MS Teams?
- Welcome to our new at-large member, Alexis Dickerson!
- Timber Harvest Task Force- forest harvest BMP re-evaluation – *Lorenzo Cinalli*
  - Recommendations for revised forest harvest BMP efficiencies will be provided to the Timber Harvest Task Force later this month and pending approval, will be brought back to the FWG for a decision in September
- Agroforestry Expert Panel Evaluation Group (EPEG)
  - An EPEG group has been formed to evaluate whether and how Silvopasture and Alley Cropping could be credited towards the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. The current membership list available on calendar page for any recommended additions from the FWG
- Beyond 2025 comment period
  - On July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee released the draft of [A Critical Path Forward for the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership Beyond 2025](#) for public feedback. Feedback will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024 and only via email to [comments@chesapeakebay.net](mailto:comments@chesapeakebay.net). A list of frequently asked questions about the process and how to comment can be found [here](#).  
*Note: We will discuss the Beyond 2025 report and gauge interest in submitting a comment letter on behalf of the Forestry Workgroup later in the meeting.*

**9:20**      **C-Stream Intern Presentation – Diego Henriquez (CRC)**

Diego will discuss his summer internship project. Over the summer, he conducted a literature review of invasive knotweed impacts to riparian forest buffers and did a cost-benefit analysis of removal along Rock Creek in Washington, DC.

- 9:35**            **Land Use/Land Cover Data (2024 edition): Rule Considerations and Class Names – Katie Walker (Chesapeake Conservancy)**  
Based on reviews of the latest version of the model, the LULC project team has an additional rule change we are considering to better align urban tree canopy calls with other research and mapping routines. We'd like to share this rule with the FWG for approval before integrating the change into the model. In addition, we'd like to update the naming of our forest and tree canopy classes, and would like feedback and ideas from the FWG.
- 9:50**            **State of Chesapeake Forests 2.0 Update – Katie Brownson (USFS)**  
Katie will give an overview of the updates planned for the next update to the State of Chesapeake Forests Storymap and request input from the workgroup.
- 10:05**           **State of Chesapeake Forests 2.0- Plantable Areas and Fragmentation Analyses – Katie Walker (Chesapeake Conservancy)**  
CC will be supporting USFS with geospatial analyses that will be included in the State of the Chesapeake Forests 2.0 Storymap. These analyses will identify areas for new tree plantings and investigate the health of our forests through patterns of fragmentation. CC will be coordinating with USFS and USGS on proposed methods, using analyses performed for the Maryland Forest Technical Study as a basis. This presentation will provide a brief overview of these methods and intended outputs.
- 10:25**           **Beyond 2025 – Katie Brownson (USFS)**  
Katie will provide an overview of the draft recommendation from the Beyond 2025 report and lead a discussion to gauge interest in submitting a comment letter on behalf of the Forestry Workgroup.
- 10:45**           **Round robin**
- 11:00**           **Adjourn**