

Forestry Workgroup Outlook for 2022

Overarching projects

- New Land Use/Land Cover and Change data
 - o Final, version 2 expected to be released to the public in late February/ early March
 - o Work with the Conservancy to finalize county-level tree canopy fact sheets
 - o Work with the CBP GIS team and an Advisory group to conduct a bay-wide assessment of forests and tree canopy ("State of the Forests 2.0")
 - o Forest harvesting action team
- Riparian Forest Buffer outcome
 - o Outcome attainability workshop to be held in late April
 - o Work with the MB/PSC to finalize state-level forest buffer Action Strategies
 - o Strategy Review System
- Tree Canopy outcome workplan actions (state lead calls)
 - o Planning for the Tree Canopy summit (practitioners) and the Funding & Policy Roundtable (state and local government leaders)
 - o Updating the Tree Canopy indicator
- STAC water temperature workshop
 - o First workshop in January, second workshop in March
 - o Report to follow second workshop
- GIT-funded projects
 - o Maintaining Forests in Stream Restoration project to be completed in early September
 - o New projects for 2022
 - Strategy Development for Innovative Finance of Riparian Forest Buffer Programs
 - Tree Canopy Funding and Policy Roundtable
- Communications
 - o Website updates
 - o Work with the Alliance to create a vetted, virtual repository for RFB publications
 - o Work with OpinionWorks and the Alliance to finalize an assessment of forestry communications products and needs. Use the outcome of this work to evaluate whether to develop a more comprehensive communications strategy

Monthly meeting topics

February

- Planning for RFB workshop on 4/27
- Review FWG workplan/activities for the year
- STAC water temperature workshop update

March

- Peter presentation on LUMM
- Preview of new LU/LC data and products
- State of the Forests update

- Update on RFB workshop planning
- Update membership list- need to nominate official at-large members?

April

- Final discussion on plans for RFB workshop
- Steve Raabe presentation on forestry communications assessment?
- Report out from STAC workshop?

May

- Debrief from RFB workshop
- Start brainstorming GIT funding ideas

June

- Land conservation theme
 - o update of protected lands indicator
 - o Sourcewater protection- share Forests 2 Faucets 2.0?

July- Tentatively cancel

August

- Presentation from Ches Conservancy on their analysis of the climate benefits of BMPs and new ICLEI/LEARN tool for quantifying carbon storage/sequestration benefits of forests and tree canopy
- Presentation from Sand County Foundation (or Tim Male?) on new RCPP AFA project: Maryland Clean Water Commerce Outcomes Project
 - o Seeks to reach historically underserved producers- opportunity to discuss addressing rural EJ issues

September

- RFB SRS planning

October

- RFB SRS update and review of draft progress meeting materials (tentatively due 10/27)
- Report out from Center for Watershed Protection on GIT-funded project on Maintaining Forests in Stream Restoration
- Presentation from Paul Mayer (or co-author)- Tree trade-offs in stream restoration

November

- Preview of RFB SRS presentation to Management Board (tentatively scheduled for 11/10)

December

- RFB SRS
 - o De-brief from MB presentation
 - o Discuss science needs

- Start working on RFB 2-year work plan

Other topics/presentations

- NFWF/LSR grantees report out on projects
- Uses/new ideas for FS funding
- Federal infrastructure funding
- Legislative updates in spring
- Upper Potomac Buffer Strategy
- Agroforestry group updates
- Riparian forester exchange updates
- Urban forestry climate presentations (new USFS climate guide, work with Baltimore/NIACS)