



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Forestry Workgroup Meeting July 2nd, 2025 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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9:00 (5 min)	<p>Welcome and Introductions – <i>Anne Hairston Strang (MD FS, FWG Co-Chair)</i></p> <p>For roll call purposes, please enter your name & affiliation in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally.</p>
9:05 (10 min)	<p>Announcements – <i>Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FWG Community Tree Canopy Co-Chair nominee announcement • The new 2024 ed. Land Use Land Cover and hydrography data has been released! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ LULC and hydrography data viewer ◦ Full LULC dataset ◦ The updated tree canopy factsheets and story map are expected to be released in August! • A new literature review on urban trees and cooling (2018-2024) is available here! • The Bay Program is hosting a webinar series to provide an overview of the proposed changes in the draft revised Watershed Agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ July 2 (12 -1 pm): Webinar Series Kickoff Registration Link ◦ July 8 (11:30 am – 1 pm): Thriving Habitats and Wildlife Registration Link ◦ July 15 (12 – 1pm): Clean Water for a Healthy Bay Registration Link ◦ July 24 (12 – 1pm): Understanding another revised Watershed Agreement Goal Registration Link ◦ July 30 (12- 1pm): Engaged Communities: A Closer Look at the Final Proposed Goal of the <i>Watershed Agreement</i> Registration Link • The public comment period for the draft revised Watershed Agreement has opened and will run from July 1st - September 1st! Everyone is welcome to submit comments via email to comments@chesapeakebay.net. For more details please visit the page here.
9:15 (15 min)	<p>Update on Agroforestry Expert Panel Evaluation Group (EPEG) – <i>Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</i></p> <p>Katie will provide an update on the draft EPEG recommendations to credit silvopasture and alley cropping for their water quality benefits in Phase 7 of the watershed model. The final recommendations will be brought back to the Forestry Workgroup for approval, likely in August.</p>

9:30 (15 min)	<p>Update on the Draft Revised Chesapeake Watershed Agreement – <i>Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</i></p> <p>Katie will review the draft changes to the Chesapeake Watershed Agreement in the version that was released for public feedback on July 1st and share opportunities to learn more and provide feedback.</p>
9:45 (40 min)	<p>Healthy Forests and Trees: Establishing the New Numeric Forest Conservation Target – <i>Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</i></p> <p>Katie will review the draft language for the new Forest Conservation target that will sit under the Healthy Forests and Trees outcome in the revised watershed agreement. She will discuss options for setting a numeric target and request workgroup input.</p>
10:25 (5 min)	<p>FWG Community Tree Canopy Co-Chair Nominee Introduction – <i>Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator) and Nancy Sonti (USFS)</i></p> <p>Nancy Sonti, a nominee for the FWG Community Tree Canopy Co-Chair position, will briefly introduce herself to the group and describe her qualifications for the co-chair position.</p>
10:30 (15 min)	<p>Forest Sensitivity to Atmospheric N Deposition in Phase 7 of the Chesapeake Watershed Model – <i>Joseph Delasantro (EPA, ORISE fellow)</i></p> <p>Loading sensitivity to atmospheric deposition from forested load sources is being evaluated for Phase 7. Literature review suggests a significantly higher sensitivity than in Phase 6, but questions remain regarding the relative sensitivity between different forested load sources as well as the relationship between sensitivity and loading rates.</p>
10:45 (15 min)	<p>Round Robin/State Updates</p> <p>Please come ready to share some updates from your state or organization!</p>
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