



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Forestry Workgroup Meeting

March 5th, 2025 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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9:00	<p>Welcome and Introductions – Anne Hairston Strang (MD FS, FWG Chair)</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	<p>Announcements – Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</p>
9:10 (20 min)	<p>State Forest Conservation Progress</p> <p>To take a deeper dive into forest conservation across the Chesapeake Bay watershed, we will hold a round robin, providing each state the opportunity to describe how they are approaching forest conservation and to give an update on their efforts and progress.</p>
9:30 (30 min)	<p>Setting New Forest Conservation Targets for the Chesapeake Bay – Aurelia Gracia (NPS, Protected Lands Workgroup Coordinator) and Katie Brownson (USFS)</p> <p>Katie and Aurelia will review the proposal to update the Protected Lands outcome which currently has a sub-goal to permanently protect high-value forests. Feedback will be requested on potential options to add new sub-goals for conserving forests and riparian forests.</p>
10:00 (20 min)	<p>Beyond 2025 Management Board Outcome Review Update: Forest Buffers – Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</p> <p>During the Management Board’s Outcome Review meeting on February 27th, the Forestry Workgroup’s outcome assessments for Tree Canopy and Riparian Forest Buffers were presented. Katie will review the feedback received and begin discussing options to update the outcome.</p> <p>Outcome Review: Forest Buffers</p>
10:20 (20 min)	<p>Beyond 2025 Management Board Outcome Review Update: Tree Canopy – Julie Mawhorter (USFS)</p> <p>During the Management Board’s Outcome Review meeting on February 27th, the Forestry Workgroup’s outcome assessments for Tree Canopy and Riparian Forest Buffers</p>

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<p>10:40 (10 min)</p>	<p>Forestry Workgroup Planning for 2025 – Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</p> <p>To chart the workgroup’s path for the remainder of the year, Katie will review the draft planning document and solicit more ideas.</p>
<p>10:50</p>	<p>Round Robin</p>
<p>11:00</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>