



## Chesapeake Bay Program

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### Forestry Workgroup Meeting

May 14th, 2025 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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<b>9:00</b> (5 min)	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b> – <i>Anne Hairston Strang (MD FS, FWG Co-Chair)</i></p> <p>For roll call purposes, please enter your name &amp; affiliation in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally.</p>
<b>9:05</b> (5 min)	<p><b>Announcements</b> – <i>Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffing update</li> <li>• Call for nominations for the <a href="#">FWG Co-Chair Community Tree Canopy</a> position</li> <li>• <b>Reminder:</b> The <a href="#">June Forestry Workgroup meeting</a> has been rescheduled to an in-person meeting on <b>June 11th (10am-3pm)</b> hosted by Adams County Conservation District in Gettysburg, PA!           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For those that cannot attend in person, a virtual option will be available (10-12).</li> <li>○ Please <a href="#">RSVP here</a> if you're interested in attending in-person or virtually.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• STAC workshop update: "Healthy Forests: Proactive Strategies for Managing Threats and Promoting Conservation" <a href="#">proposal</a> was selected for STAC funding. The workshop Steering Committee will begin convening in June.</li> <li>• <a href="#">"Fund Your Buffer"</a> page on the Riparian Forest Buffer website has been updated!</li> <li>• Highlight: <a href="#">Work with NRCS</a> to Update Your State's Source Water Protection Priority Areas</li> <li>• LULC Data Release, State and Municipal Fact Sheets, StoryMap, and Indicator Timeline Update</li> </ul>
<b>9:10</b> (10 min)	<p><b>At-Large Member Nominations Introductions</b> – <i>Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</i></p> <p>Katie will call on the nominees for the three available at-large member positions to give a 1-minute statement outlining their qualifications and interest in serving as an at-large member.</p> <p>After the meeting, the voting members will rank the nominations and elect the three new at-large members. The elected members will be announced at the June FWG meeting.</p>

<b>9:20</b> (20 min)	<p><b>Chesapeake Bay Commission Overview &amp; Federal Legislative/Policy Update – Anna Killius (CBC, Executive Director)</b></p> <p>Anna Killius will discuss the role of the Chesapeake Bay Commission in bridging collaboration across state boundaries and how forestry efforts can fit within this effort. In addition, she will provide an overview of current federal legislative and policy updates.</p>
<b>9:40</b> (1 hour)	<p><b>Updates from the Management Board Retreat – Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</b></p> <p>Katie will give an update on the May 7th and 8th Management Board Retreat, during which they reviewed and refined the outcome language in preparation for the May PSC meeting. Time will be reserved to discuss next steps and address comments and concerns raised from the MB Retreat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussion topics on the consolidated Healthy Trees and Forests outcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Finalize Forest Buffer and Tree Canopy target language</li> <li>○ Forest conservation sub-goal language</li> <li>○ Potential priorities to advance through this broader outcome</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Management Board materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Healthy Trees and Forests PPT</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Healthy Trees and Forests 2-pager</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>10:40</b> (20 min)	<p><b>Round Robin</b></p> <p>Please come ready to share some updates from your state or organization!</p>
<b>11:00</b>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>