



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Forestry Workgroup Meeting

November 6th, 2024 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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9:00

Welcome and Introductions – (Anne Hairston Strang, MD FS, FWG Co-Chair)

For roll call purposes, please enter your name & affiliation in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally.

9:05

Announcements – Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)

- December FWG Meeting:
 - **December 2nd from 10am-3pm** we will be **meeting jointly with the Land Use Workgroup and the Healthy Watershed GIT**.
*Please note: This will replace our regularly scheduled FWG meeting on December 4th. The meeting will be **hybrid** with an in-person option available at the Chesapeake Bay Program Office - **if you're planning to attend in-person please fill out this form**: - We hope you can join us!*
- Chesapeake Agroforestry Network Meeting in January
 - **January 7th from 11-12:30** – We are inviting the Ag Workgroup and the Forestry Workgroup to our January meeting. Stay tuned for more details on the agenda.
- Update on 2024 GIT funding project
 - *Assessment of BMPs as heaters and coolers for local waters* project was a follow-up from the Rising Water Temperature workshop that was selected for funding. USGS will be completing the project.
- Beyond 2025 Update
 - [Final Beyond 2025 Report](#) was approved by the PSC at their October meeting
 - EC charge is being finalized for Phase 2 of the Beyond 2025 process. Sets a goal to complete outcome revisions by the end of calendar year 2025.
- Welcome Craig Larcenaire (USFS), who will be detailing behind Lorenzo Cinalli for the next three months at the Chesapeake Bay Program!

9:15

Timber Harvest Task Force- Updated Recommendations – Katie Brownson (USFS)

Katie will present revised recommendations to update the BMP efficiencies for forest harvesting BMPs and seek Forestry Workgroup approval of the revisions.

9:35 **Presentation on Dynamic Forest Restoration Block Programs – Ben Larson (*Ruffed Grouse Society & American Woodcock Society*) and Dr. Jeff Larkin (*Indiana University of Pennsylvania*)**

Ben will discuss four dynamic restoration blocks being developed by Ruffed Grouse Society and partners in Maryland and Delaware, in collaboration with the Maryland Forest Service, Delaware Forest Service, and the University of Maryland Extension. Jeff will discuss American Bird Conservancy's (ABC) Dynamic Forest Restoration Block Program (DFRB). ABC's efforts to improve forested landscapes for birds in Pennsylvania continues to see many successes. Since beginning their efforts in 2013, ABC has worked with partners like PA Game Commission, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, PA-DCNR, and many others to incorporate more than 360,000 acres into our Dynamic Forest Restoration Block program. This presentation will review the premise behind ABC's Dynamic Forest Restoration Block concept, the primary activities, and results to date.

Following the two presentations, there will be 10 minutes for discussion & questions.

10:15 **Forest Management and NFWF – Jake Reilly (National Fish and Wildlife Foundation)**

Jake, Director of Chesapeake Bay Programs at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), will provide an overview on plans to update NFWF's Chesapeake Business Strategy and get input on opportunities to better integrate forest management into their Chesapeake and Central Appalachian grant offerings.

10:35 **Looking forward at 2025 – Katie Brownson (*USFS*)**

In preparation for the year ahead, Katie will facilitate a brainstorming session to solicit ideas for future priorities and meetings in 2025. Attendees will participate in a collaborative Mentimeter exercise to gather feedback that will shape our planning efforts.

Discussion Questions:

- How can the Forestry Workgroup support efforts to better integrate forest management and forest habitat restoration into the Bay Program going beyond 2025?
- What meeting topics or speakers should we prioritize for 2025?

10:50

Round Robin

In addition to our regular round robin announcements, we will call on states and organizations to share any highlights or issues.

11:00

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