



Forestry Workgroup Meeting
April 3rd, 2019 10:00am-3:00pm

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Conference Line: 669-900-6833, **Conference Code:** 383-198-260

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/383198260>

10:00 am	Welcome and Introductions –	Rebecca Hanmer
10:10 am	Chesapeake Data Dashboard Demo –	John Wolf or Emily Trentacoste
	A large amount of new scientific and technical information is available at CBP to inform watershed restoration plan development and implementation. John (or Emily) will walk us through the new Data Dashboard and bring examples of forestry queries for which it can be used.	
10:40 am	Brainstorm: CREP and Riparian Forest Buffers in Farm Bill	Rebecca Hanmer
	In the 2018 Farm Bill, the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) incentivizes more enrollment of riparian forest buffers, by authorizing the Agriculture Secretary to make-cost share payments for maintenance throughout the length of the agreement and to cover up to 100 percent of the cost incurred by the owner or operator. The Forestry Workgroup will brainstorm what, ideally, what would come out of FSA rule-making on this and related topics.	
12:30 pm	Lunch	
1:15 pm	Two New Land Use Assessment Projects –	Rachel Soobitsky and David Saavadra
	Rachel and David will present on new projects Bay Partners are currently undertaking with regard to geographic analytics: 1) General Land Cover and Land Use Updates and 2) Hydrology and Ditch Mapping. They are seeking feedback on the projects so far.	
2:00 pm	Interim Land Use Change Assessment –	Allie Wagner
	Allie completed a preliminary analysis showing how tree and forest conversion practices are showing up. She is planning to re-do the analysis and wants comments on what has been done to date.	
2:20 pm	Healthy Watershed Forestry Project Update –	Greg Evans
	Greg will show a 10-minute video about the project and also speak about new developments.	
2:45 pm	Final Announcements and Wrap-Up	
3:00 pm	Adjourn	