

Riparian Forest Buffer Outcome Attainment draft outline for comment

One day Workshop - Spring 2022

Background: In August 2020, during the SRS review for Forest Buffers, the MB agreed to:

- 1) Develop an RFB Action Strategy for each state
- 2) Need to be strategic with existing funds (use existing programs and develop new ones e.g., Natural Filters Revolving Fund)
- 3) Continue to improve technical assistance

“Workshop Your Strategies”: Since first proposed, the RFB Attainability Workshop idea has been through several iterations. These iterations had the focus of the workshop be on two things: 1) the state Action Strategies and 2) how to capitalize on the influx of federal funding. After considering our Objectives, we are considering workshopping your Strategies.

Proposed Objectives Thus Far:

- a) Set All Up for Success
- b) Fine-tune Action Strategies and identify definitive steps to accelerate progress
- c) ID innovative approaches that could be amplified? (could include changes to existing programs, new programs, ones that could be applied in other states or at a regional or watershed-wide scale to increase the implementation of riparian forest buffers).
- d) Recommendations for new or continued roles the Partnership should play in advancing buffer goals

Questions for the MB:

- What do *you* want to get out of this workshop?
- How could this workshop help increase implementation?
- What is the appropriate audience to be in attendance?
- Who should report out from each State (here we strongly suggest it be someone other than state forestry agency)
- do we need an accountability system for tracking progress on Strategy implementation?
- All Virtual or Hybrid?