

Chesapeake Riparian Forest Buffer Workshop Proposal

To be put on by CBP Management Board (MB) in April 2022

OUTLINE

Statement of Need:

As a result of the Outcome Attainability meetings, the MB is choosing to hold a workshop in the Spring focused on what will be done to accelerate riparian forest buffer implementation. The workshop will attempt to address the scale and immediacy of the needed effort on a state-by-state basis. A year ago, as part of SRS, the MB agreed that each state would develop an Action Strategy for Buffers. These Strategies will be at the core of the workshop.

Attending: Bay leaders in each state (Water Quality/WIP lead and Natural Resources), CBC, USDA, EPA, key NGO partners, local leadership reps, etc.

Proposed date: April 28, 2022

Pre-work: The workshop organizers will be working directly with each state on their Strategic Action plans. Several pre-workshop webinars focused on specific topics are also planned. These pre-workshop topics include: technical assistance, conservation, and policy.

Agenda (assume 1 day in-person, facilitated by Sherry Witt):

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| 1) A Retrospective on we got here (Carin, Ann, or Sally) | 930-1000 |
| -include a brief history of practice, Bay Directives, WIP goals, current progress. | |
| 2) RFB SRS process and current request with MB response
(Katie or Sally) | 1000-1015 |
| 3) Report out on Buffer Plans from each state (~20 mins each) | 1015-1230 |
| - What is in the State Plan? | |
| - What are the funding mechanisms? | |
| - What is needed to develop a long-term program. | |
| PA: (who) | VA: |
| MD: | DE: |
| WV: | NY: |
|
<i>LUNCH</i> |
1230-130 |
| 4) Synopsis and Highlights of State Plans | 130-145Small Groups |
| Breakouts | 200-245 |
| - Breakout groups will build on state highlights by identifying new sustainable buffer programs? | |
| - How can these new funding opportunities best be directed to accelerate buffer implementation? | |
| 7) Meeting Summary, Next Steps | 245-300 |