



## ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE FORESTRY WORKGROUP COMMUNITY TREE CANOPY CO-CHAIR POSITION

[The Forestry Workgroup](#) provides a source of forestry expertise at the Chesapeake Bay Program, and coordinates and supports partnership efforts to conserve and restore forests across the watershed. The Forestry Workgroup (FWG) is looking to fill the **Community Tree Canopy Co-Chair position, starting summer of 2025**. The Forestry Workgroup is led by two Co-Chairs (one focused on rural watershed forestry and the other on community tree canopy) and assisted/supported by a Coordinator and Staffer, both housed at the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) Office.

### PRIMARY ROLES AND TIME COMMITMENT

The Co-Chairs set the vision for the Forestry Workgroup, which historically has focused on [Riparian Forest Buffers](#), [Urban Tree Canopy](#) and forest conservation, which were all set as priorities in the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. The Co-Chairs also assist with setting future priorities and addressing emerging issues, including the impacts of changing environmental conditions and land use on Chesapeake forests.

Now, as the Chesapeake Bay Program works to revise the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement to carry the partnership beyond 2025, the Co-Chairs will guide the workgroup in working towards a new and more holistic "[Healthy Forests and Trees](#)" Outcome.

The Co-Chairs take a lead role in the guidance and facilitation of Workgroup meetings and activities, with support from the coordinator and staffer. The expected workload is about 1-2 hours a week on average, with opportunities for additional engagement depending on the interests and availability of the Co-Chair. The work primarily includes preparation for monthly workgroup meetings, but may also include supporting preparation of [Strategy Review System](#) materials and engagement with the Bay Program partnership.

### COMMUNITY TREE CANOPY CO-CHAIR QUALIFICATIONS:

We are seeking a Community Tree Canopy Co-Chair with the following qualifications:

- Knowledge of forestry issues in the Chesapeake Bay watershed
- Experience with urban & community forestry
- Previous engagement with the Chesapeake Bay Program and/or the Forestry Workgroup
- Experience facilitating collaborative meetings and projects
- Experience developing and implementing strategic plans
- Existing relationships with watershed forestry partners, including state forestry agencies, non-profits, and/or universities

We are hoping to get a diverse set of candidates and skill sets, so we encourage interested individuals to apply, even if they don't bring all of these desired qualifications.

If you are interested in filling one of these positions or if you'd like more information, please contact: Katie Brownson ([Katherine.Brownson@usda.gov](mailto:Katherine.Brownson@usda.gov)), Julie Mawhorter ([julie.mawhorter@usda.gov](mailto:julie.mawhorter@usda.gov)), and Marilyn Yang ([myang@chesapeakebay.net](mailto:myang@chesapeakebay.net)). Please attach a resume and a brief cover letter to your email that summarizes why you are interested in serving as the Forestry Workgroup Community Tree Canopy Co-Chair **by June 27th**.