**Forestry Workgroup Meeting**

**October 8th, 2025 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Meeting Materials**

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| **9:00**<br>(5 min) | **Welcome and Introductions** – *Anne Hairston Strang (MD FS, FWG Co-Chair)*<br><br>For roll call purposes, please enter your name & affiliation in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally. |
| **9:05**<br>(10 min) | **Announcements** – *Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)*<br>● New Watershed Forestry infographics available focused on the importance of healthy forests for clean water across different landscapes, from rural to urban on the USFS Eastern Region Watershed Forestry webpage<br>● CBP webinar on State of Chesapeake Forests and Tree Canopy Fact Sheets<br>● Healthy Landscapes joint meeting in December<br>● CBP leadership transition - Dan Coogan was named as the new Director of the Chesapeake Bay Program effective October 6th |
| **9:15** | **Round Robin**<br>Please come with 2-3 updates to share from your jurisdiction or organization! |
| **9:30** | **Update on the revised Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement-** *Katie Brownson, USFS*<br>Katie will share any pertinent updates from the Management Board retreat. This *may* include updates related to the Healthy Forests and Trees outcome, revisions to related outcomes, proposed updates to the governance and structure of the Program, and plans for Management Strategy development. |

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| **9:45** | **Evaluating the Effectiveness of Economic Incentives to Enhance Riparian Buffer Adoption and Environmental Benefits for Water Quality and Carbon Sequestration** – *David Newburn, University of Maryland*<br><br>This study assesses the effectiveness of economic incentives in encouraging farmers to adopt riparian buffers for improved water quality and carbon sequestration. Using a landowner survey and integrated environmental-economic modeling, the study evaluates program design features such as payment type, contract length, and targeting.<br><br>Full project report available [here](here) |
| **10:15** | **Plantable Space Analysis** – *Patrick McCabe, Chesapeake Conservancy*<br><br>Chesapeake Conservancy recently produced a tree planting opportunity dataset for the USFS to serve as a resource for restoration planning within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. This presentation will provide an overview of the data, what areas were excluded, and general limitations. A web application will also be shared with the workgroup for those who want to explore the data before it is published in the State of Chesapeake Forests Storymap. |
| **10:40** | **Wrap-up and next steps** |
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