



Forestry Workgroup Meeting January 11, 2023

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9:00 Welcome and Introductions- *Rebecca Hanmer*

9:10 Tree Canopy Indicator Decision/Discussion- *Julie Mawhorter, USFS*

Julie will review the options presented and discussed at the December meeting and propose a path forward for input from the group. If there is agreement on the indicator proposal, it will be presented to the Water Quality GIT in late January for approval.

9:25 Tree Canopy Outcome SRS Presentation & Discussion- *Julie Mawhorter, USFS*

Julie will review highlights of the status of actions from our 2020-2021 Logic & Action Plan and share the draft Tree Canopy presentation for the **February 9 Management Board Quarterly Progress Review**. Discussion will focus on any suggestions to clarify/strengthen the presentation and identifying/refining any priorities and requests we want to address to the Management Board. Suggested edits to the draft Narrative Analysis, Logic & Action Plan Status documents (to be posted to [Meeting Page link](#)) are due to julie.mawhorter@usda.gov by COB

10:25 RFB Update- *Katie Brownson, USFS*

Katie will provide a brief update on the RFB SRS presentation provided to the Management Board in December and outline next steps.

10:35 Land Use/Land Cover: Further Refining Classification Scheme for Forest and Tree Canopy Classes- *Sarah McDonald, USGS*

The Chesapeake Bay Land Use/Land Cover Data team is seeking feedback on a proposed expansion of their classification schema. It has been suggested that we look into further refining our classification to include a breakdown between deciduous and evergreen tree canopy. We are interested in feedback on how useful this additional classification would be; the impacts it would have on analytical and modeling use cases; and recommendations of data sources to distinguish evergreen and deciduous.

10:55 Announcements- *Katie Brownson, USFS*

- [RFB Network website](#) updates: The website has been updated, including the addition of a new RFB resource library! A big thanks to Barbara McGuinness for her efforts to revamp the website!
- C-StREAM intern for summer 2023: We have been selected to host a [C-StREAM](#) (Chesapeake Student Recruitment, Early Advisement, and Mentoring Program) intern through the Bay Program Office this summer. The project we proposed is "Evaluating financial and human capacity needs for accelerating riparian forest buffer planting". Stay tuned for more details!
- March FWG field trip: Cacapon Institute will be hosting us for a field trip focused on tree stock, nurseries, and propagation issues on **March 8th** at Casey Tree's farm in Berryville, VA.

- Next meeting: **February 1st 9-11**. The focus will be on planning for 2023 and getting input on the new RFB Workplan and Management Strategy. Let us know if there are other timely topics that need attention!
- Any other announcements from members.

11:00 Adjourn