

**The Inn at Leola Village
38 Deborah Drive - Route 23
Leola, Pennsylvania 17540**

The clearest way into the Universe is through a forest wilderness.
-John Muir

Thursday, August 22- Casa di Fiori

- 11:00 a.m. Call to Order.....John Dawes, Chair**
Welcome and Introductions
- 11:10 a.m. Updates on the 2013 Chesapeake Bay Agreement..... Jim Edward,**
Deputy Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program
- 12:15 a.m. Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. The Farm Bill and Chesapeake Bay/
Forest Buffers in the Watershed Implementation Plans..... Jim Edward,**
Deputy Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program
and
Denise Coleman, PA State Conservationist, NRCS
- 2:00 p.m. Tour- Land Studies Healthy Watershed Tour**
Demonstration and Field Learning about restoration and monitoring of urban and rural BMPs
with a focus on riparian forest buffers
- 5:30 p.m. Meeting Recess**
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner- Restaurant Onsite: Osteria Avanti, Dietro Banquet Room**
Members will continue to discuss agenda topics and issues of importance in the Bay Watershed.

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- 8:30 a.m. Call to Order.....John Dawes, Chair**
- 8:35 a.m. Update on Conowingo Dam Licensing.....Michael Helfrich,**
Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper

Riparian Forest Buffer and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
Discussion

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is an offshoot of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the country's largest private-land conservation program. Administered

by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), CREP targets high-priority conservation issues identified by local, state, or tribal governments or non-governmental organizations. In exchange for removing environmentally sensitive land from production and introducing conservation practices, farmers, ranchers, and agricultural land owners are paid an annual rental rate. Participation is voluntary, and the contract period is typically 10–15 years, along with other federal and state incentives as applicable per each CREP agreement. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) conducts the site visits and provides technical service for the conservation plan.

9:15 a.m.	Opening Remarks.....	Rebecca Hanmer Forestry Workgroup Chair, BMP Verification Committee
9:25 a.m.	Status and Trends.....	Eric Sprague, Director, Chesapeake Forest Program, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
9:45 a.m.	Bay Agreement Goal, BMP Verification, and the CREP Program.....	Sally Claggett, Chesapeake Bay Program Coordinator, US Forest Service and Julie Mawhorter, Natural Resource Specialist, US Forest Service
10:30 a.m.	Perspectives on Local Level CREP Implementation.....	Matt Ehrhart, Director of Watershed Restoration, Stroud Water Research Center, CAC Member
10:50 am.	Roles and Perspectives on CREP.....	Katrina Thompson, Management Analyst, USDA NRCS
11:30 a.m.	Break	
11:40 a.m.	CAC Business Meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of CAC May 2013 meeting minutes • Endorsement of the Environmental Literacy Strategy- status and discussion on CAC’s 2012 recommendation to the Executive Council • Member Updates • Meeting Action Items • Discussion of Topics for December 5-6, 2013 joint meeting with LGAC 	
12:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

CAC will next meet jointly with LGAC on December 5-6 in MD.
The Executive Council is slated to meet in December 2013.