



## Chesapeake Riparian Forest Buffer 2022 Leadership Workshop

Virtual Workshop

[Meeting Link](#)

Password: ForestBuffers

Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

[Workshop Webpage](#)

**Purpose:** This workshop is focused on accelerating Riparian Forest Buffer (RFB) implementation and will attempt to address the scale and immediacy of the needed effort on a state-by-state basis. Each state will present their draft Action Strategy for Buffers. These Strategies will be at the core of this workshop.

### **Objectives:**

- 1) Discuss state RFB Action Strategies for expanding forest buffers.
- 2) Develop recommendations for specific roles for the Partnership in advancing buffer goals.

### **Pre workshop Webinars:**

[Webinar 1](#) and [Webinar 2](#)

### **Agenda**

- **Welcome & Opening Comments** 9:30 – 9:40 a.m.
  - Welcome, *Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources*
  - Admin & Housekeeping Notes, *Sherry Witt, GDIT*
- **Retrospective: How We Got Here** 9:40 – 9:55 a.m.  
*Carin Bisland, EPA*
- **Summary of RFB Strategy Review System (SRS) Actions** 9:55 – 10:10 a.m.  
*Sally Claggett, USFS; Katie Brownson, USFS*
- **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Programs (CREP) in the Watershed** 10:10 – 10:20 a.m.  
*Terry Noto, Conservation Strategies*
- **State Buffer Plan Presentations** 10:20 – 12:30 p.m.
  - Each state provides a 15 mins presentation followed by 5 mins Q&A
  - Order for state presentations (alphabetical):
    - Delaware – *Marcia Fox, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control*
    - Maryland – *Phil Hager, Maryland Department of Natural Resources*
    - New York – *Lauren Townley, New York Department of Environmental Conservation and Lydia Brinkley, Upper Susquehanna Coalition*
- 10-minute break 11:20 - 11:30 a.m.
  - Pennsylvania – *Lauren Imgrund, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources*
  - Virginia - *Terry Lasher, Virginia Division of Forestry*
  - West Virginia- *Teresa Koon, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection*

*LUNCH BREAK*

12:30 – 1:15 p.m.

- **Reflections on State Plans**

1:15 – 1:30 p.m.

- Menti Questions

- What stood out from the presentations? What did you like?
- Where are there opportunities to strengthen or clarify the strategies?

- **New & Existing Federal Funding Options**

1:30 – 1:45 p.m.

*Martha Shimkin, EPA*

- **State Breakout Sessions**

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

- Each state will have a breakout room. Breakout conversations should address the following questions (*30 minutes*):

- Where does the plan need to be strengthened?
- How are we going to strengthen the plan?
- What are the best opportunities to utilize new federal funding in combination with state programs?
- What role can the Partnership play in supporting implementation of state buffer plans?
- What are the next steps for refining and finalizing the plan by June 27<sup>th</sup>?

- Report out (*30 minutes total, 5 minutes/state*)

- **Next Steps & Closing Remarks**

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

- Closing remarks, *Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources*

- Next steps and meeting wrap-up, *Sherry Witt, GDIT*

- June 27<sup>th</sup> deadline for finalizing written state Riparian Forest Buffer Action Strategies