

# West Virginia's Forest Buffers Strategy

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# Setting the Stage

WIP 3 Commitment - 250 acres per year totalling 5692 acres by 2025

2021 Progress - 2846 acres

Over 1000 credited acres lost since 2017 due to expiration

Annual implementation (2018 - 2021) averaging 136 acres per year

## WV Strengths

- Good, strong agency and NGO partners
- Landowners that are RFB champions

# KEY ISSUES and CONSIDERATIONS

Staffing

Maintenance

Restoration contractors, NGOs, full delivery

Financing for Non CREP alternatives

Local tree sources, state purchasing, private funding

State or local policies and planning to support RFBs

Education and recruitment

# NEXT STEPS FOR WEST VIRGINIA

First planning meeting - May 18, 2022

