



# Riparian Forest Buffer Updates

Chesapeake Riparian Forest Buffer Forum

Adamstown, MD

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# Fiscal Year 2016 Buffer Report

- 589 acres of buffer established by DOF in Virginia.
  - Approx. 28.4 miles
- 248 acres inspected for CREP re-enrollment.
- Completed Penn State SWR monitoring project.







# 2017 Work Plan

## ■ Judy Okay and Matt Poirot

- ◆ *Get the Most Out of Your Land* brochure mailing list
- ◆ High acreage landowners first
- ◆ Already have forest management plans or involved in NRCS cost share but haven't signed on for CREP or CRP



# 2017 Work Plan

- Riparian Buffer Prioritization
  - Outreach to targeted land parcels that have the following criteria:
    - Land with less than 10% slope
    - Consistent levels of soil moisture to support bottomland tree species
    - A crop, livestock, pasture land use
    - A river, stream, lake or pond within the land parcel
    - No apparent riparian forest buffer on the water feature
    - Parcels larger than 20 acres





# 2017 Work Plan

## ■ Site Prep Demonstrations

- Virginia Tech's Catawba Farm
- Augusta Forestry Center

## ■ Increase state partner contact to maximize outreach potential.

(Local FSA, NRCS, SWCD offices)

## ■ Continue buffer education at local schools and events.





# Questions?

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