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| **Wildlife** |
| Collaborate with USDA, forestry and wildlife agencies, and nongovernmental partners to **restore 900 miles/year of riparian forest buffers**; sustain and leverage funding available through CREP and other programs |
| Focus forest restoration efforts in priority areas to meet brook trout restoration goals; transfer successful models – such as Trout Unlimited’s Potomac initiative – to other priority areas |
| Continue to develop state and local Green Infrastructure (forest hub-corridor) plans for use in targeting forest conservation and restoration (e.g. in PA, WV and NY) |
| Work with Chespeake Bay Habitat Goal Implementation Team, state fish and wildlife agencies, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation and other nongovernmental organizations to further identify restoration priority areas and actions for key forest dependent species |
| Promote forest restoration as a central BMP to meet TMDL/Watershed Implementation Plan targets ***and*** simultaneously achieve habitat goals |
| Pursue innovative funding incentives and outreach strategies to reach landowners in targeted areas through NFWF and other grants |
| Conduct [Designing Sustainable Landscapes](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/science/pdf/nalcc_sustainable_landscapes.pdf) pilot project in Nanticoke and Pocomoke watersheds with a focus on forest dependent species and habitat classes (USFWS/North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative) |
| **Mine Lands** |
| Work with agency and nongovernmental partners to identify priority areas and sites to target mine land reforestation; incorporate habitat priorities for key bird species, brook trout, and other species of concern |
| Convene a regional workshop for watershed groups and agency partners to promote forest restoration on mine lands in the Chesapeake Bay watershed |
| Host local workshops in target areas to engage landowners and community partners in mine land reforestation opportunities |
| Pursue formation of OSM-VISTA Appalachian Coal Country Teams, or other community-based mine land reforestation initiatives, in the Bay watershed |
| Work with Bay state mining agencies and Abandoned Mine Lands programs to promote reforestation on reclaimed sites as much as possible |
| Support ARRI’s outreach and collaboration efforts with active mining operations to encourage forestry reclamation in the Bay watershed |
| **Agroforestry** |
| Work with NRCS State Technical Committees in the Bay states to **promote agroforestry practices through Farm Bill programs** |
| Agroforestry is a relatively new concept. **Train-the-trainers workshops** targeting resource professionals in the watershed is a first step toward reaching watershed landowners. Subsequent workshops can introduce Agroforestry practices to landowners. |
| Establish **Agroforestry demonstrations areas** by finding early adopters with working farms and forests so that others may be able to see the conservation and economic benefits. Pursue USDA **Conservation Innovation Grants** and other funding sources to establish these sites |
| Work with the NRCS Ecological Sciences staffs in the Bay states to **get all 5 Agroforestry practices included in the Field Office Technical Guide and Farm Bill programs**. |
| Explore a **Bay Branding campaign** for agroforestry products similar to Edible Chesapeake but focused specifically on foods and products developed from businesses committed to sustaining working forests within the Bay area. |

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| **Urban/Community** |
| Continue to provide support for communities to develop their urban tree canopy assessment and urban forest assessment with i-Tree Eco. |
| Provide **training and technical assistance** to help communities move from UTC assessments to action, with supporting **local policies and programs to meet tree canopy goals** |
| Develop **educational and marketing campaigns,** targeted to distinct audiences, to promote how trees meet multiple community goals. |
| **Focus Urban & Community Forestry program funding** and partnership efforts to support implementation of local tree canopy goals |
| **Promote and track tree planting as a cost-effective, core strategy** for meeting local TMDL targets, MS4 stormwater requirements, and air quality plans |
| Transfer successful **turf-to-trees program** models and lessons learned to more localities with high turf grass cover |
| **Work with non-traditional partners** to increase tree plantings in all jurisdictions. |
| Develop and expand **tree planting initiatives on federal lands** |
| **Brownfields/Contaminated Sites** |
| **Identify and fund research needs.** Identify key knowledge gaps and research needs. Target available funds for applied research in partnership with industry. |
| **Develop and deliver technical guidance** on how to effectively utilize trees and shrubs in site remediation and restoration activities. |
| Utilize **an information and technology transfer** vehicle, such as EPA’s Clu-In, to make technical guidance readily available. Write factsheets for targeted audiences and deliver web-based trainings, as well as other effective outreach activities. |
| **Facilitate cooperation, coordination, and partnerships.** Establish agreements between agencies to facilitate reforestation efforts on contaminated lands through cooperative research efforts, technical data exchange and locating/identifying appropriate plant material for use on contaminated sites. |
| **Review state and federal regulations and guidance documents** to identify impediments to reforestation and recommend revisions. **Identify cross-program incentives** that facilitate reforestation (e.g., stormwater controls, tax incentives, smart growth strategies, easements, and site-level planning incentives, etc.) |
| **Identify priority areas and sites.** Utilize geospatial tools to identify and target sites for investment based on potential “keystone” locations or connectivity. Establish partnerships and/or working relationships with professional organizations, non-profit organizations, and watershed organizations to assist in advocacy and educational outreach. |