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Agenda Chesapeake Bay Forestry Workgroup (FWG) February 2015 Meeting

February 4th, 2015, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Chesapeake Bay Foundation Annapolis Office
6 Herndon Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403

Conference Line: 888-844-9904, **Code:** 680-2405#
Adobe Connect: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/fwg/>

10:00 Welcome and Introductions

Rebecca Hanmer, Chair

10:15 Update on Urban Tree Canopy Management Strategy

Julie Mawhorter

Julie will provide an update on the newest changes to the strategy document, and next steps. Participants will also review the ranking of factors influencing achievement of the UTC goal.

10:30 State Updates – Urban Tree Canopy Actions

States and DC will each have ten minutes to give an update on preliminary state actions for the Urban Tree Canopy Outcome, followed by Q&A.

12:00 New Forest Land Cover Layers for Phase 6 Ches Bay Model

Peter Claggett

Peter Claggett, USGS, will review the defining features of the new forest land covers for FWG approval.

12:30 LUNCH BREAK (We will not be ordering lunch, please bring your own)

1:00 Status of Urban Tree Canopy BMP Expert Panel

Jeremy Hanson

Jeremy Hanson, VA Tech, will describe the comments received on the proposed UTC Expert Panel membership and Statement of Work (SOW). FWG members will be asked to confirm the membership and SOW via email by February 11th.

1:15 Update on Riparian Forest Buffer Management Strategy

Sally Claggett

Sally will provide an update and explain how we want to bridge the State Task Force efforts with this management strategy. Participants will also review the ranking of factors influencing achievement of the Forest Buffer goal.

1:30 State Updates – Riparian Forest Buffer Actions

States and DC will each give an update on preliminary state actions for the Riparian Forest Buffer Outcome, followed by Q&A.

2:15 Draft Strategies for Forest Conservation (part of Land Conservation Outcome)

Sally will discuss how the 695,000 acre high-value forest goal fits into the Land Conservation Outcome in the new Bay Agreement and the role of the FWG in developing the Management Strategy for that outcome. A strawman for priority management approaches for this goal will be presented for discussion.

2:45 Wrap-up and closing remarks

3:00 Adjourn