

FWG 2016

We have already gotten a jump on our activities over the next year given input we received on the Workplans for Tree Canopy and Riparian Forest Buffers. Other key projects are:

- New Forestry Websites—The forestry team is working with a contractor to populate websites for tree canopy and buffers.
- Verification Support—As states implement their Verification protocols, the FWG will review progress/need for revisions.
- Governance—The Water Quality GIT has established protocols for all workgroups to follow. These are posted on the FWG (<http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/23446/>). These will be discussed at the February and March FWG meetings.
- Identifying High Value Forests for Conservation—Working with GIS and modeling group to map those forests that, if lost, would levy the most N, P, and sediment to the mainstem of the Bay
- Actions on Riparian Forest Buffer workplan—see workplan http://www.chesapeakebay.net/documents/22043/2_riparian_forest_buffers_draft_workplan.pdf
- Actions on Tree Canopy workplan—see workplan http://www.chesapeakebay.net/documents/22044/4_draft_tree_canopy_workplan_appendix_state_workplans.pdf

2016 Monthly Meetings

February 3 conf call—Tree Canopy Loading Rates for CB Model Phase 6; Governance; FWG 2016 Prospectus

March 2 conf call—Finalization and progress on workplans; finalize Governance

April 6 meeting— final Tree Canopy Land Use loading rate and BMP credit

May 4 conf call— review the high res forest/tree canopy mapping (while it's in process)

June 1 meeting—buffer/tc websites update/visioning

August 3 conf call— Results from NFWF survey on RFBs

September 7 meeting— priority tree canopy actions (updates/input)

October 5 conf call—Forest Conservation actions and tracking going forward

November 2 meeting — priority buffer actions (updates/input) from RFB workplan

December 7 conf call— Verification revisited