



**Minutes**  
**Chesapeake Bay Forestry Workgroup (FWG)**

February 7, 2018 9AM – 10:30 AM

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**Meeting Attendees**

Rebecca Hanmer, *Chair*  
Sally Claggett, USFS, *Coordinator*  
Julie Mawhorter, USFS, *Staff*  
Katherine Wares, CRC, *Staff*  
Barry Frantz, USDA NRCS  
Luke Cole, DC DOEE  
Anne Hairston-Strang, MD DNR  
Dakota Durcho, MD DNR  
Cassandra Davis, NYSDEC  
Teddi Stark, PA DCNR  
Peter Hoagland, PA NRCS  
Matt Poirot, VA DOF  
Barbara White, VA DOF  
Greg Evans, VA SAF  
Judy Okay, VA DOF  
Frank Rodgers, Cacapon Institute  
Tanner Haid, Cacapon Institute  
Rick Turcotte, USFS  
Craig Highfield, ACB  
Jenny McGarvey, ACB  
Ryan Davis, ACB  
Holly May, ACB  
Molly Cheatum, CBF

**WIP Template**

The WIP Outcome Workgroup led by Management Board member Nicki Kasi asked several outcome leads, including Forest Buffer and Tree Canopy, to create one page outcome fact sheets that WIP developers could use during their Phase III WIP development. Sally reviewed the Tree Canopy Outcome and Riparian Forest Buffer Outcome templates.

### Questions and Comments

- Members made comments regarding scores in the Co-Benefit BMP Table. Some suggested including numerical examples or an additional factsheet that show the cost effectiveness of buffer BMPs.
- Greg Evans is going to look into who the new Forest Buffer contact is for Virginia.
- **ACTION:** Sally asked members to submit any additional comments and edits to her by COB Monday, February 12, 2018.

### **Strategy Review System (SRS) – Forest Buffer Outcome Presentation**

The Forestry Workgroup is scheduled to present progress on the Riparian Forest Buffer Outcome to the Management Board at the May Quarterly Progress Meeting. Moving forward, in March, FWG staff and the SRS team will meet and in April, three documents must be submitted: the outcome summary (meeting guide.doc), logic table, and outcome presentation (PPT). The Meeting Guide is a summary of outcome progress and questionnaire on any issues or successes we've encountered. The Logic Table is the new format for the workplan, where action items are grouped by factors influencing success and are linked to a workplan below. The Logic Table must be color coded (red, yellow, and green) to show progress on 2016-2017 RFB 2-year workplan action items. Sally began reviewing and color coding action items; she will follow up with members and partners to finish color coding action item progress.

### Questions and Comments

- Members stressed that one of our asks for the Management Board should be the need for stability in programs such as CREP.
- Sally went through action items in the 2016-2017 RFB 2-year workplan and asked members for progress and updates. Members provided comments and updates.
- **ACTION:** Sally asked everyone to review and color code the Logic Table and submit it back to her by COB Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

### **Round Robin**

- CBP: Sally showed Draft 2017 Progress for Forest BMPs in BayTAS for each state. We will have a face to face meeting in March or April.
- DC DOEE is working on a grant for planting trees on large parcels and has identified priority watershed restoration areas for tree planting and other BMPs
- Maryland has partnered with Penn State and ARS on a buffer field tour on February 21<sup>st</sup>. MD DNR is working on a NFWF grant that addresses RFB issues such as invasive species and concentrated flow. There are two new FSA funded foresters and they will be hiring one more. For this current legislative session, there is a new Forest Conservation Act bill proposed.
- Pennsylvania is hosting a buffer summit on February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>, registration is open. PA DCNR also has a NFWF grant to improve buffer delivery. They are also releasing an RFP for outreach work. Pennsylvania is mostly working on Phase III WIPs. PA State Forester, Dan Devlin is retiring.
- Virginia is reviewing applications submitted to VA Trees for Clean Water. They are short on funding for all the applications, if anyone has funding for tree plantings in the CBW.

- West Virginia is reviewing CommuniTree applications. There are several new community projects planting trees planned for this spring.