



## Chesapeake Bay Program

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### Forestry Workgroup Meeting

April 2nd, 2025 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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<b>9:00</b> (5 min)	<b>Welcome and Introductions – Anne Hairston Strang (MD FS, FWG Chair)</b>  For roll call purposes, please enter your name & affiliation in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally.
<b>9:05</b> (5 min)	<b>Announcements – Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Upcoming USFS Watershed Forestry Webinar on April 17th 12-1: “Linking Working Forests and Water Quality”. <a href="#">Register Here</a></li><li>● New <a href="#">Trees 101 Video</a></li><li>● NFWF now accepting applications for <a href="#">Small Watersheds Grants</a> and <a href="#">Chesapeake Wild Grants</a> (applications due in May)</li><li>● Changes to Upcoming FWG Meetings:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ May 7th FWG meeting rescheduled to May 14th</li><li>○ Scoping a possible June 11th field trip (hopefully in PA!) in place of the June FWG meeting</li></ul></li><li>● The WVU Arboriculture &amp; Urban Forestry lab is seeking a Master’s student for a research project focused on utility vegetation management. Applications are due May 15, 2025. For more information, please email Dr. Greg Dahle (gregory.dahle@mail.wvu.edu)</li></ul>
<b>9:10</b> (5 min)	<b>Forestry Workgroup Membership Review and Call for At-Large Members – Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator) and Marilyn Yang (CRC, FWG Staffer)</b>  Katie and Marilyn will ask jurisdictional representatives to review and update their membership as needed. They will also review the at-large members whose terms are ending and put out a call for up to three at-large member nominations.
<b>9:15</b> (10 min)	<b>Update on 2024 Land Use/Land Cover (LULC) Data and Communications Products – Sarah McDonald (USGS) and Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</b>  Sarah and Katie will provide an update and a preview on the forthcoming 2024 edition of the LULC data and updates to the State of Chesapeake Forests Storymap and new municipal fact sheets.

<b>9:25</b> (15 min)	<p><b>Update on Beyond 2025 – Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</b></p> <p>Katie will provide an update on the overall Beyond 2025 effort, including recent decisions by the Management Board (MB) regarding the “disposition” of outcomes in the revised Watershed Agreement.</p> <p>3/27/25 MB Meeting Update: The MB approved moving forward with recommending to the PSC to “Update” the FWG outcomes. However, they have directed the FWG to consider how to broaden and better highlight opportunities for forest conservation and restoration, in addition to considering whether consolidation or reclassification under a single outcome makes sense, with the inclusion of distinct tree canopy and forest buffer targets. This discussion will be revisited during the April 10th MB meeting.</p>
<b>9:40</b> (20 min)	<p><b>Beyond 2025: Finalizing the Draft Updated Tree Canopy Outcome Language – Julie Mawhorter (USFS)</b></p> <p>Julie will lead a discussion to review options for updating the Tree Canopy Outcome language and numeric targets.</p>
<b>10:00</b> (20 min)	<p><b>Beyond 2025: Finalizing the Draft Updated Forest Buffers Outcome Language – Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</b></p> <p>Katie will lead a discussion to review options for updating the Forest Buffer Outcome language and numeric targets.</p>
<b>10:20</b> (20 min)	<p><b>Beyond 2025: Considering Options for a Consolidated “Forests and Trees” Outcome – Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</b></p> <p>Katie will lead a discussion focused on responding to the Management Board’s request to consider what a consolidated “Forests and Trees” Outcome could look like.</p>
<b>10:40</b> (20 min)	<p><b>Round Robin</b></p> <p>Please come ready to share some updates from your state or organization! In addition to any updates members wish to highlight during this extended round robin, jurisdictional representatives are encouraged to report on any relevant state forestry-related legislative updates.</p>
<b>11:00</b>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>