PROJECTS & FUTURE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE FWG, LUWG, & HWGIT:
TOOLS, RESOURCES, & COORDINATION FOR CONSERVATION & RESTORATION

DATA ⟹ TARGETING & EVALUATION ⟹ INCREASING CAPACITY & COMMUNICATION

DATA

a) Develop data to evaluate relationships with multiple goals and outcomes:

- **Ecosystem Services Mapping: Enable the assessment of ecosystem services related to watershed health for protected lands, forests outside of protected areas, other areas of interest**

- **Incorporating climate and DEIJ priorities: Attribute Protected Lands Data with metrics relevant to climate resiliency and DEIJ**

b) Tracking Watershed Health: Attribute protected lands date-of-establishment and with watershed and stream health information

c) Update the State of Chesapeake Forests Storymap with new data and analyses, including analysis of forest cover and forest cover change within protected areas

d) Delineate "bufferable" riparian areas: Attribute new hydrography data to better determine where there are riparian areas in need of buffering-perennial or intermittent streams supporting aquatic life. Combine new with LULC data and plantable space analysis to determine the % of the riparian area that could/should be buffered

TARGETING & EVALUATION

a) Leverage and enhance existing tools to enable spatial prioritization of conservation and restoration efforts and planning:

- **Enable states to generate customized conservation fact sheets for local areas, with the ability to select criteria of interest**

- **Develop municipal tree cover fact sheets with updated data (and update county tree cover fact sheets)**

- **Revisit/Develop priority areas for forest conservation**

- **Inform the development of green infrastructure plans**

- **Inform the update of local comprehensive land use plans**

b) Evaluate and report on land protection efforts related to other CBP outcomes and goals (e.g., DEIJ, watershed health, brook trout, riparian forests, and climate resiliency)

c) Complete the Plantable Space analysis to help identify where there are opportunities for restoration

INCREASING CAPACITY & COMMUNICATION

a) Identify and communicate shared learning opportunities among workgroups and at partner events.

b) Utilize existing toolkits and CBP GIT-funded projects to better communicate conservation and planning messages:

- **CCP Narrative Toolkit**

- **Conservation Land-Use Policy Toolkit**

- **Community Response to Land Use Change Project**

- **Protect Local Waterways Guide**

c) Support local capacity for conservation, restoration, and planning:

- **Coordinate with LLWG on capacity needs**

- **Identify value-added role for the HWGIT and PLWG**

d) Incentivizing conservation & restoration

- **Improving crediting of conservation, including looking for opportunities to extend the credit duration for restoration practices that are also under conservation easements**