

## Forestry Workgroup Outlook for 2023

### Overarching Projects

- New Land Use/Land Cover and Change data
  - o State of the Forests 2.0: Work with the CBP GIS team and an Advisory group to conduct a bay-wide assessment of forests and tree canopy
  - o Work with the Conservancy to finalize and disseminate county-level tree canopy fact sheets
  - o Reconvene the forest harvesting action team
- Riparian Forest Buffer outcome
  - o Strategy Review System: Develop a new 2-year workplan and revise the Management Strategy (early 2023)
  - o Work with the Management Board to develop and implement a tracking and accountability framework for the state Riparian Forest Buffer Action Strategies
  - o Follow-up with the Principals Staff Committee on topics that can help support implementation of the state Riparian Forest Buffer Action Strategies
- Tree Canopy outcome workplan actions (state lead calls)
  - o Funding & Policy Roundtable (state and local government leaders)
  - o Updating the Tree Canopy indicator
- STAC water temperature workshop follow-up
- GIT-funded projects
  - o Completed projects for follow-up:
    - Maintaining Forests in Stream Restoration project
  - o Ongoing FY22 projects:
    - Strategy Development for Innovative Finance of Riparian Forest Buffer Programs
    - Tree Canopy Funding and Policy Roundtable
  - o New projects for FY23:
    - Optimizing Riparian Forest Buffer implementation for climate adaptation and resilience
    - Addressing Regional Tree Supply Challenges & Opportunities
- Communications
  - o Develop FWG orientation materials
  - o Forest Buffers
    - Continue to refine updated RFB website and add new Success Stories
    - Consider developing a Quarterly RFB Network newsletter?
  - o New tree equity webinar series?
  - o Follow-up from OpinionWorks study

### Monthly Meeting Topics

#### February

- Planning for the year, finding a new chair
- Revisiting Resource Improvement practices

- CBLP presentation on regional training programs
- Riparian Forest Buffer Strategy Review System (SRS): Developing a new 2023-24 workplan and updating the Management Strategy

### **March**

- FIELD TRIP focused on tree stock, nurseries, and propagation issues on **March 8<sup>th</sup>** at Casey Tree's farm in Berryville, VA (hosted by Cacapon Institute).

### **April**

- Call for new at-large members (3)
- Tree Canopy SRS and Funding & Policy Roundtable update/discussion
- Input on GIT-funded Nursery Supply project
- Round robin with pertinent legislative updates

### **May**

- At-large member candidate introductions
- Check-in on state RFB plan implementation, de-brief from report-out at the Management Board
- CAST, BMP Reporting and Verification (invite state water quality reporting leads and CAST team)
- Update on State of the Forests project and reviewing new data
  - Protected Lands update
  - New riparian LULC data (or sooner if available)

### **June**

- Welcome new at-large members
- Welcome C-StREAM intern
- Joint meeting with stream health? Potential topics: defining the riparian area, follow-up from STAC water temps project, stream restoration project
- Time to start brainstorming GIT funding ideas

### **July**

- Tentatively cancel

### **August**

- Presentation from C-StREAM intern on Capacity Building for Riparian Forest Buffers
- Finalize GIT funding topic proposal ideas

### **September**

- Welcome new chair
- Field trip or in-person meeting?

### **October**

- Presentation from EPIC on their GIT funded project: Strategy Development for Innovative Finance of Riparian Forest Buffer Programs

**November**

**December**

**Other topics/presentations**

- Baltimore Social-Environmental Collaborative (BSEC) Group
- Dan Read/UMCES presenting research on factors influencing adoption of RFB in MD
- NFWF/LSR grantees report out on projects
- Emerging BIL/IRA funding opportunities and tree equity
- New Farm Bill and CREP
- Upper Potomac Buffer Strategy
- Urban forestry climate presentations (new USFS climate guide, work with Baltimore/NIACS)
- RCPP projects/opportunities- i.e. Maryland Clean Water Commerce Outcomes Project (Seeks to reach historically underserved producers- opportunity to discuss addressing rural EJ issues)