

Hilton Harrisburg
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Meeting Goal: Identify specific focus for the second phase of tree loss discussion in September to lift-up recommendations for incentives to protect tree canopy, including exploring land conservation as water quality credit in the TMDL

Meeting Objectives: (1) Learn and discuss Pennsylvania's progress, successes and challenges in meeting the *Chesapeake Watershed Agreement*; (2) Receive briefing on the Executive Council charge of setting the course to 2025 and Beyond; (3) Gain collective understanding on what Bay restoration and climate goals are at risk if the current trend of tree loss continues.

Day 1: Wednesday, May 24 – 2nd Floor, Metropolitan Room

- 1:15 p.m.** **Call to Order and Welcome.....Julie Lawson, Chair**
- Introduction of members and guests
 - Overview of agenda meeting goal and objectives
 - Brief Member Announcements
- 1:30 p.m.** **Pennsylvania's Progress on *Chesapeake Watershed Agreement*.....Jill**
Whitcomb
- Director, Bureau of Watershed Restoration and Nonpoint Source Management**
PA, Department of Environmental Protection
- Progress toward meeting PA's 2025 Water Quality targets
 - PA's successes and challenges in the *Chesapeake Watershed Agreement*
 - Anticipated approaches to acceleration
- 2:30 p.m.** **Chesapeake Bay Program Updates.....[Martha](#)**
[Shimkin](#)
- Deputy Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program**
- Updates on continued Partnership conversations on 2022 CAC Letter of Recommendation
 - April 2023 PSC Meeting Decisions and July Agenda Topics
 - Biennial Meeting takeaways for Getting to 2025 and Beyond
- 3:15 p.m.** **Break**

3:30 p.m. CAC Conservation & Land Use Priority:

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PART ONE: Multiple Benefits of Trees..... [Karen Firehock](#)

Executive Director, Green Infrastructure Center

- Climate, Human Health, and Ecosystem Services

4:30 p.m. Introduction of new CBP Interim Director.....**Dave Campbell**
Interim Director, Chesapeake Bay Program Office, EPA

- Brief Introductions of the CAC Members
- Highlights of CAC 2023 Priorities
- Insights on CBP Leadership

5:15 p.m. Meeting Recess

6:30 p.m. Dinner- Stock's on 2nd (Mahogany Room, 5-min walk from the hotel)

Day 2: Thursday, May 25 – 2ndFloor, Metropolitan Room

8:00 a.m. Breakfast in the meeting room

8:30 a.m. CAC Business Meeting

- Reflections on Day 1 Meeting
- Approval of February Meeting Minutes
- Chair Updates

9:00 a.m. CAC Conservation & Land Use Priority:

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PART TWO: Watershed land use and forest land conversion.....[Peter Claggett](#)
Research Geographer, U.S. Geological Survey,
Chesapeake Bay Program

- Understanding the Land Use Outcomes and what they reveal
- Trends, drivers and historical comparison of land use and forest land conversion
- Impact of forest land conversion on on water quality and healthy habitat outcomes
- Insights on ideal approaches for the next Agreement

10:00 a.m. Break

**10:15 a.m. PART THREE: CBP Tools, Resources and Recommendations.....Julie Mawhorter
Mid-Atlantic Community and Urban Forestry Coordinator,
U.S. Forest Service, Chesapeake Bay Program**

- Forest and tree canopy CBP tools and resources
- Briefing on Tree Canopy Roundtable recommendations
- Opportunities in Inflation Reduction Act
- Insights on ideal approaches for the next Agreement

11:15 a.m. Panel Concludes and Break

11:30 a.m. PART FOUR: Guided discussion with CAC Conservation and Land Use Subcommittee
Given what you learned about tree loss, what elements should be the focus of the final
September discussion and development of recommendations.

12:00 p.m. CAC Discussion
Action Items and Next Steps

12:30 p.m. Adjourn

Proposed Summer CAC Learning Sessions and Upcoming Agenda Topics

- Agreement progress reports from VA and DC
- Bay Outcome Indicators: What they measure and why, understanding progress and looking beyond 2025
- Rising Watershed and Bay Water Temperatures: Ecological Implications and Management Responses (STAC Report)
- Achieving Water Quality Goals in the Chesapeake Bay: Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response (STAC Report)

CAC 2023 Meeting Dates

September 13-14, VA

December 6-7, DE