



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Forestry Workgroup Meeting

February 5th, 2025 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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<p>9:00</p>	<p>Welcome and Introductions – Kesha Braunskill (USFS, FWG Co-Chair)</p> <p>For roll call purposes, please enter your name & affiliation in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally.</p>
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<p>9:25 (30 min)</p>	<p>Draft Tree Canopy Outcome Assessment Review & Discussion – Julie Mawhorter (USFS)</p> <p>Julie will review the draft 2-page Tree Canopy outcome assessment based on the feedback from the January 2025 Forestry Workgroup meeting.</p> <p><i>Input and active participation from advisory committees, the public, and other stakeholders are encouraged during the review and discussion period.</i></p>

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<p>9:55 (30 min)</p>	<p>Draft Forest Buffers Outcome Assessment Review & Discussion – Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</p> <p>Katie will review the draft 2-page Forest Buffers outcome assessment based on the feedback from the January 2025 Forestry Workgroup meeting.</p> <p><i>Input and active participation from advisory committees, the public, and other stakeholders are encouraged during the review and discussion period.</i></p>
<p>10:25 (5 min)</p>	<p>Next Steps: Recap of the Management Board’s Outcome Review Timeline – Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</p> <p>Katie will wrap up the discussion by providing a brief recap of the next steps within the Management Board’s outcome review timeline.</p>
<p>10:30 (10 min)</p>	<p>Elevating Forest Conservation in a Revised Watershed Agreement- Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</p> <p>As a follow-up to the January meeting, Katie will lead a discussion on opportunities to better elevate forest conservation in the revised Watershed Agreement.</p>

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<p>10:40 (10 min)</p>	<p>STAC Proposal- Forest Conservation: Integrating Forest Health Management into Conservation Practices - Lorenzo Cinalli (USFS)</p> <p>Lorenzo will review a proposal submitted to STAC to hold a workshop designed to develop recommendations on how the Bay Program can achieve meaningful conservation outcomes through forest management and stewardship. Input from the workgroup will be requested.</p>
<p>10:50</p>	<p>Round Robin</p>
<p>11:00</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>

Supporting Documents and Links:

- [2014 Watershed Agreement](#)
- [Phase 1 Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Report](#)
- [Executive Council Beyond 2025 Charge](#) (Final 2024 Version)