



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Forestry Workgroup Meeting

January 8th, 2025 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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<p>9:00</p>	<p>Welcome and Introductions – <i>Anne Hairston Strang (MD FS, FWG Co-Chair) and Kesha Braunskill (USFS, FWG Co-Chair)</i></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>
<p>9:05</p>	<p>Announcements – <i>Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chesapeake Bay Program Webinar: <i>Addressing Urban Tree Supply Challenges in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed</i>: Wednesday Jan 22nd 12-1 PM. Register Here • USFS Watershed Forestry Webinar: <i>Emerald Ash Borer and Riparian Forest Management</i>: Thursday Jan 16th, 12-1 PM (<i>date has been updated</i>). Register Here.
<p>Part 1: Laying the Groundwork</p>	
<p>9:10</p>	<p>Framing the Meeting – <i>Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</i></p> <p>To open the meeting, Katie will provide an overview of the meeting’s objectives and agenda structure.</p> <p><i>Input and active participation from advisory committees, the public, and other stakeholders are encouraged throughout the meeting.</i></p>
<p>9:15</p>	<p>Crash Course on the 2014 Watershed Agreement – <i>Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</i></p> <p>To lay the groundwork for the upcoming outcome assessment discussions, Katie will provide a brief history of the 2014 Watershed Agreement, covering its mission, goals, and outcomes.</p>

<p>9:25</p>	<p>Framing the Beyond 2025 Effort – <i>Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</i></p> <p>Katie will outline the next phase of the Beyond 2025 effort, including roles and responsibilities, the timeline, and the process for reviewing current outcomes.</p> <p>This presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.</p>
<p>Part 2: Review of Current Outcomes and Consideration of New Outcomes</p>	
<p>9:45</p>	<p>Tree Canopy – <i>Julie Mawhorter (USFS)</i></p> <p>Julie will lead a presentation and discussion on the Tree Canopy outcome: “Continually increase urban tree canopy capacity to provide air quality, water quality and habitat benefits throughout the watershed. Expand urban tree canopy by 2,400 acres by 2025.”</p> <p>This discussion will be guided by the following questions using a Mentimeter poll, enabling attendees to record and share their responses in real-time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is the value-add of having this as a Chesapeake Bay Program outcome? ● What should we recommend to the Management Board for this outcome in a revised watershed agreement? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Options: Update, Consolidate, Remove, Replace ● Could this outcome be improved? If so, how?
<p>10:35</p>	<p>Break (10 min)</p>
<p>10:45</p>	<p>Forest Buffers – <i>Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</i></p> <p>Katie will lead a presentation and discussion on the Riparian Forest Buffer outcome:</p> <p>“Continually increase the capacity of forest buffers to provide water quality and habitat benefits throughout the watershed. Restore 900 miles per year of riparian forest buffer and conserve existing buffers until at least 70 percent of riparian areas throughout the watershed are forested.”</p> <p>This discussion will be guided by the following questions using a Mentimeter poll, enabling attendees to record and share their responses in real-time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is the value-add of having this as a Chesapeake Bay Program outcome?

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11:35	<p>Consideration of New Outcomes – Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</p> <p>This will be an initial exploratory discussion to evaluate whether there are other forestry outcomes we should consider to advance our efforts in meeting the mission and goals of the Watershed Agreement. Katie will also review the feedback from the November meeting on forest management and dynamic forest block restoration to frame the discussion.</p> <p>This discussion will be guided by the following question using a Mentimeter poll, enabling attendees to record and share their responses in real-time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Are there other forestry outcomes we should consider to advance our efforts to meeting the mission and goals of the Watershed Agreement?
11:50	<p>Recap and Next Steps – Katie Brownson (USFS, FWG Coordinator)</p> <p>To close out the meeting and summarize the next steps, Katie will present the timeline for completing the draft outcome assessment review templates.</p> <p>A reminder of the Management Board meeting schedule will be provided, along with an outline of the goals and objectives for the February 5th FWG meeting.</p>
12:00	Adjourn

Supporting Documents and Links:

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