



Forestry Workgroup Meeting

April 5, 2023

[Meeting Materials](#)

[Zoom Link Meeting](#)

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This meeting will be recorded for internal use to assure the accuracy of meeting notes.

9:00 Welcome and Introductions- *Rebecca Hanmer*

9:10 Co-Chair Request and At large Membership Nomination Request- *Sophie Waterman, CRC*
Sophie will share the announcement for the Co-Chair positions and ask members to consider nominating themselves or another member for one of the positions. Sophie will also review the roles of the at-large members and ask for nominations for three at-large members.

9:20 Tree Cover Fact Sheets & Outreach Strategies - *Julie Mawhorter, USFS*

Julie will provide an update on the [County Tree Cover Fact Sheets](#) and seek input on outreach strategies to get these resources and data /tools in widespread use by communities

9:35 Chesapeake Tree Canopy Funding and Policy Roundtable & Next Steps - *Julie Mawhorter, USFS*

Julie will share brief highlights from the March 13-14 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Tree Canopy Funding and Policy Roundtable. She will also seek input on the post-Roundtable jurisdiction strategy sessions happening in May, which will be focused on developing brief 2-year actions plans focused on priorities in each jurisdiction.

9:55 CAST, BMP, Reporting and Verification Questions- *Sophie Waterman, CRC*

We are tentatively planning on focusing the May meeting on CAST and BMP reporting & verification. Sophie will lead a discussion to identify questions members would like to address in May.

10:10 GIT Funding Nursery Supply Project- *Julie Mawhorter, USFS*

Julie will review the 2022 GIT funding project and will seek input on strategies to encourage more qualified contractors to bid on the scope of work.

10:20 Round Robin

Members will share updates with the group, including any pertinent legislative updates

10:55 Announcements

- The public comment period for the new Riparian Forest Buffer Logic & Action plan has ended. We only received one comment from CBF, suggesting that we propose piloting “turnkey” CREP RFB programs. This was added as Action 2.3.b in the revised Logic & Action Plan. The Management Board will be asked to accept this Logic & Action Plan as final at their April 13th meeting.
- At the April 13th Management Board meeting, we will also share revised plans for brief “report outs” on state Riparian Forest Buffer Action Strategy implementation (following up from our Quarterly Progress Review meeting). These 5-minute state report outs are currently scheduled for the July 13th Management Board meeting and guidance will be provided.