



## Chesapeake Bay Program

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Forestry Workgroup Meeting

May 1, 2024

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Meeting ID: 840 1142 2070 Passcode: Forestry  
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**9:00 Welcome and Introductions-** *Kesha Braunskill, USFS, FWG Co-Chair*

**9:10 Announcements**

- The [Forestry Workgroup New Member Guide](#) is now available on the Forestry Workgroup webpage!
- Tree Canopy Webinars- The USFS Urban and Community Forestry team will be launching a new quarterly webinar series. As a kick-off, Katie and Julie will be doing a Bay Program webinar during Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week on tree canopy data and tools on June 6<sup>th</sup> (more details forthcoming)
- Next Steering Committee meeting for GIT funding project on Addressing Regional Tree Supply Challenges and Opportunities will be on May 15<sup>th</sup> (SC members should have a calendar invite)
- Save the date! Chesapeake Riparian Forest Buffer Summit on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Fox Haven in Frederick (more details forthcoming from the Alliance). Note this will take the place of our June FWG meeting.

**9:15 At-Large Members: Nominee Introductions**

Nominees for the three available at-large member positions will be given time to introduce (or reintroduce) themselves to the workgroup.

**9:20 Tree Canopy Outcome: June Strategy Review System (SRS) Presentation to the Management Board:** *Kesha Braunskill (USFS) and Julie Mawhorter (USFS)*

Kesha and Julie will review a draft presentation providing an update on the Tree Canopy Outcome to the Management Board as part of the June 13 SRS meeting.

**9:50 Forest Buffer Outcome: June Strategy Review System (SRS) Presentation to the Management Board:** *Katie Brownson (USFS)*

Katie will review a draft presentation providing an update on the Forest Buffer Outcome to the Management Board as part of the June 13 SRS meeting.

**10:10 Update from the Timber Harvest Task Force:** *Lorenzo Cinalli (USFS) and Katie Brownson (USFS)*

Katie will provide a short synopsis of discussions held with the Timber Harvest Task Force to-date. Lorenzo will summarize a recent literature review on the effectiveness of forest harvesting BMPs in mitigating water quality impacts and request FWG support in re-evaluating BMP efficiency rates for Phase 7.

**10:30 Improving crediting of agroforestry BMPs:** *Katie Brownson (USFS)*

Katie will provide an update on plans to work with the Agricultural Workgroup to convene an Expert Panel Evaluation Group (EPEG) to determine if and which agroforestry BMPs can be credited under existing BMPs or whether an expert panel is needed. Volunteers will be requested to participate on the EPEG.

**10:45 Round Robin**