



Chesapeake Bay Program
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Agriculture Workgroup

June 2024

Agenda

**1 PA Remote Sensing
Phase 1 Summary Report**

**2 Decision: Agroforestry
EPEG Charge**

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**PA DEP Remote Sensing BMP
Verification Pilot Project: P1
Summary Report**



Agroforestry EPEG Charge

Crediting Agroforestry Practices

- March AgWG meeting: presentation from Ruth Cassilly, Katie Brownson on implementation of agroforestry practices
- CBPO meetings to determine what process looks like
- Steps:
 - Discuss with AgWG, FWG, Chesapeake Agroforestry Network
 - Solicit information/research, names of experts
 - May-June: draft scope of work of expert panel establishment group (EPEG) for WG endorsement
 - July: vote on proposed membership
- EPEG report-out to AgWG (AgWG meeting time not spent in the weeds)




Discussion

- Questions about the charge?
 - Reservations?
 - Items to highlight?
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Decision

The AgWG approves the proposed charge of the Agroforestry Expert Panel Establishment Group (EPEG).




Consensus Continuum



NFWF Funding Opportunities for Agricultural Projects



Funding Opportunities

- NFWF awards tens of millions of dollars annually to support conservation projects in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed
 - Several programs support agricultural projects
 - Discussing implementation at the AgWG
 - What funding opportunities exist in the watershed?
 - What works well? What could be improved?
 - Spotlighting successful projects
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New Business, Announcements & Updates






AMT Updates – Tom Butler





Thriving Ag Workshop

- Chesapeake Bay Beach Club
 - July 23, 2024 – Optional reception/mixer in the evening
 - July 24, 2024 – Day-long workshop (8:00-4:30)
 - Nutrient management and soil health
 - Economic and other incentives for conservation practice adoption
 - Nutrient flows across supply chain
 - Movements and markets for local food
 - Ag land preservation
 - Workshop recommendations will be shared with CBP's Beyond 2025 Steering Committee
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Anything else?

- Send to Caroline Kleis (Kleis.Caroline@epa.gov) and Eric Hughes (Hughes.Eric@epa.gov) for inclusion in “Recap” email

Thank you!

Any questions?

You can contact me at Hughes.Eric@epa.gov



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