

Agriculture Workgroup

June 2024

Agenda

- 1 PA Remote Sensing Phase 1 Summary Report
- New Business,
 Announcements, and
 Updates

Decision: Agroforestry EPEG Charge

NFWF Funding
Opportunities

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)

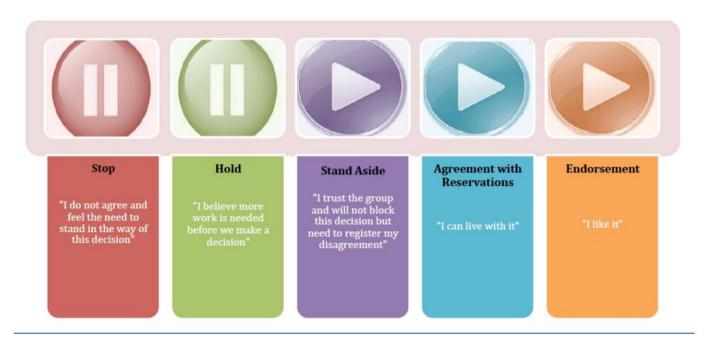
Discussion

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

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?
 - O What works well? What could be improved?
 - Spotlighting successful projects

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

Anything else?

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Thank you!

Any questions? You can contact me at Hughes.Eric@epa.gov

