Tree Cover Status & Change – County Fact Sheet Template

Project Summary

- The US Forest Service provided funding to Chesapeake Conservancy (CC) to develop local fact sheets summarizing the latest CBP high resolution data on tree canopy cover and change, including i-Tree Landscape outputs on tree benefits
- The 2-page County Fact Sheet template was developed and refined over many months with our project team, including input from the Forestry Workgroup at the Sept. 2021 meeting
- We are working with CC and UVM-SAL to develop a "user guide" companion document that more fully describes the datasets and gives basic guidance for interpreting and working with the data locally to inform decision making;
- Next steps:
  - final "polish" of the 2-page template by a graphic designer
  - when final datasets are available in late Feb/early March, CC will autopopulate the fact sheets for all counties; hopefully follow up shortly after with a version for municipalities
  - Project info, fact sheets and related tools/datasets will be posted in some combination on CC's website and Chesapeake Tree Canopy Network
  - March FWG meeting-will seek your input on draft user guide and dissemination ideas for getting these out broadly for state and local use
- ACTION: Please send any final "fine-tuning" suggestions to the text/design for our consideration to julie.mawhorter@usda.gov by COB Friday 2/4;

The current version reflects prior input from FWG and other project partners, including

- Change title/labels to "tree cover" rather than tree canopy – more widely understood term and helps us combine forest and tree canopy classes into one metric
- Put the key take-aways at the top – like a headline – including the i-Tree benefits total
- Minimize narrative text – use numbers and graphics to convey the content as much as possible; point people to a companion document ("user guide") for more context and detailed information about the data