

Chesapeake Riparian Forest Buffer Workshop

To be put on by CBP Management Board (MB) in March or April 2022

DRAFT OUTLINE

Statement of Need: Riparian forest buffers are one of the best practices for clean water, habitat, and climate resiliency in the Chesapeake Bay, yet for many years, the Bay Program partners have been markedly below their stated targets. A year ago, the MB reviewed the Riparian Forest Buffer outcome, and agreed that the states would develop Buffer Plans on how they would achieve their targets.

As a result of the Outcome Attainability meetings, the MB is choosing to hold a workshop in the Spring focused on what will be done to accelerate buffer implementation. By design, the workshop will be different from similarly stated past attempts and sufficiently address the scale and immediacy of the needed effort on a state-by-state basis. The goal of this workshop will be to determine how best to position the Bay Program to support all the states in their endeavors.

Attending: Bay leaders in each state (Water Quality/WIP lead and Natural Resources), CBC, USDA, EPA, local leadership reps,

Agenda (assume 1 day in-person, facilitated by Sherry Witt):

1) A Retrospective on we got here (Carin, Ann, or Sally) 930-1000
-include a brief history of practice, Bay Directives, WIP goals, current progress.

2) RFB SRS process and current request with MB response (?) 1000-1015
(Katie or Sally)

3) Report out on Buffer Plans from each state (~20 mins each) 1015-1230

- What is in the State Plan?
- What funding mechanisms have states been using for buffers?
- Provide examples of successful buffer programs/initiatives
- What is needed to develop a long-term program.

PA: (who)

VA:

MD:

DE:

WV:

NY:

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4) Synopsis and Highlights of State Plans 130-145Small Groups

Breakouts 200-245

- Breakout groups will build on state highlights by identifying new sustainable buffer programs?
- How can these new funding opportunities best be directed to accelerate buffer implementation?

7) Meeting Summary, Next Steps 245-300