Chesapeake
CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

Overview of Conservation Goals Mapping

Advancing the New Case for Land and Landscape Conservation

Farms

Forests

Habitat

Heritage

Health

All interconnected:

Vibrant economy

Strong communities

Healthy people

Working farms/forests

Thriving native wildlife

Clean water

Healthy watersheds

Shared heritage

Recreation

Quality of life

1. **Set Long-term Goals**
2. **Document & Illustrate Them**
3. **‘Grow the Pie’ Strategies**
4. **Track Progress**

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Existing Protected Lands

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Long-term Conservation Need

Forests

Protect the Chesapeake watershed's most ecologically and economically valuable forest land from conversion--headwater and riparian forests, large forest blocks, woodlots providing multiple values, and forests conducive to timber harvests.

Forests

Developed in collaboration with CBP Forestry Work Group

Headwater and Riparian Forests:

Headwater forests: Catchments with first-order stream in the top half of elevation values.

Riparian forests: Areas within a 10 meter buffer of streams.

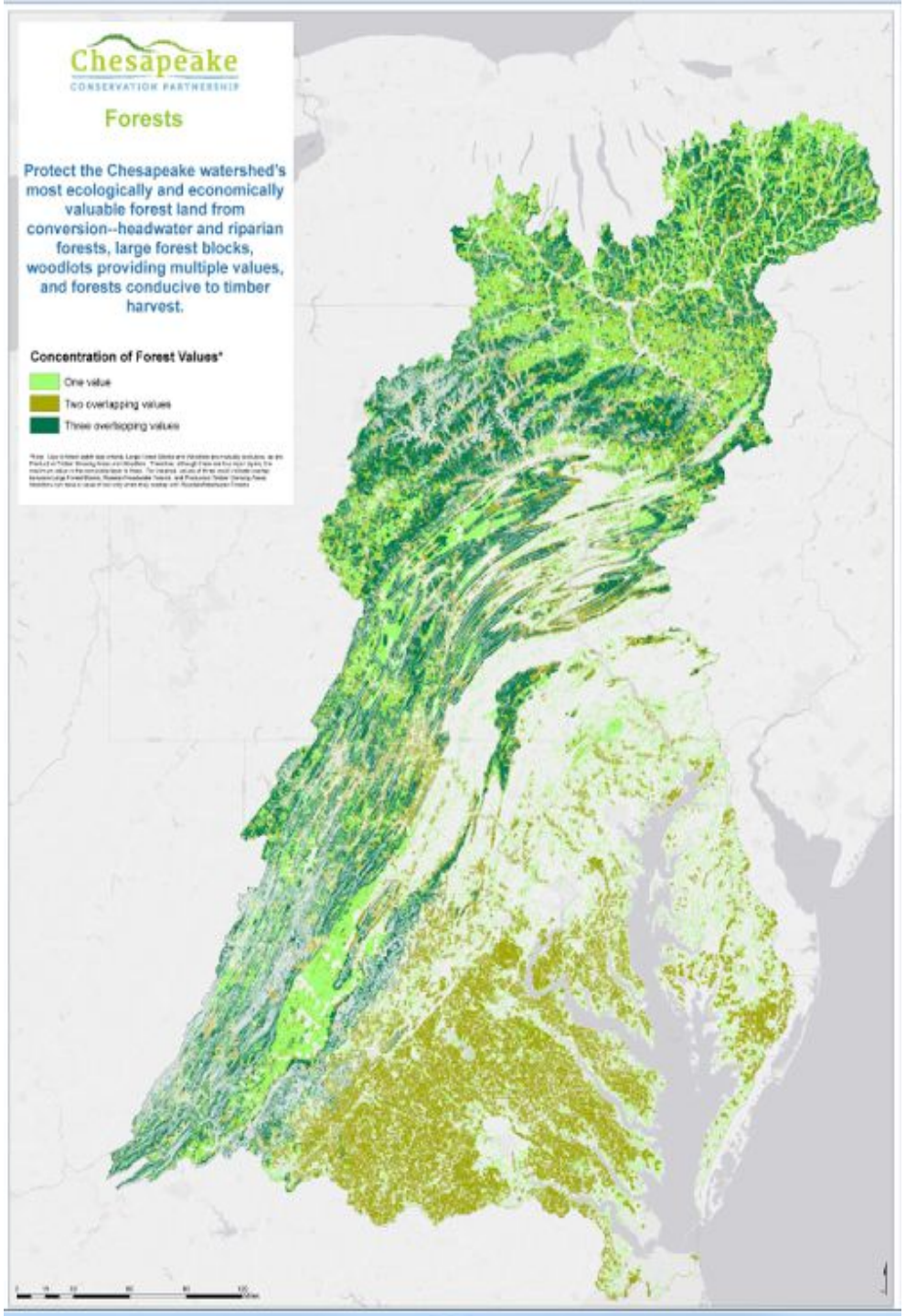
Large Forest Blocks: **Blocks of contiguous forest 500 acres or larger.**

Multiple Value Woodlots: **Blocks of contiguous forest between 50 & 500 acres.**

Forests Conducive to Timber Harvests: **Areas of harvestable contiguous forest blocks 500 acres or larger with less than 30% slopes.**

Forests

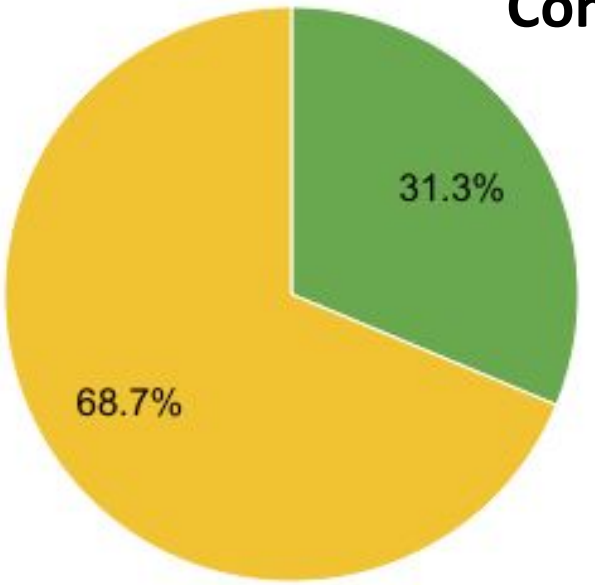
- **Improved cartography**
- **Refined headwaters patch size minimum**



Forests

Total Identified **22,124,849 ac.**
54% of watershed

Conserved



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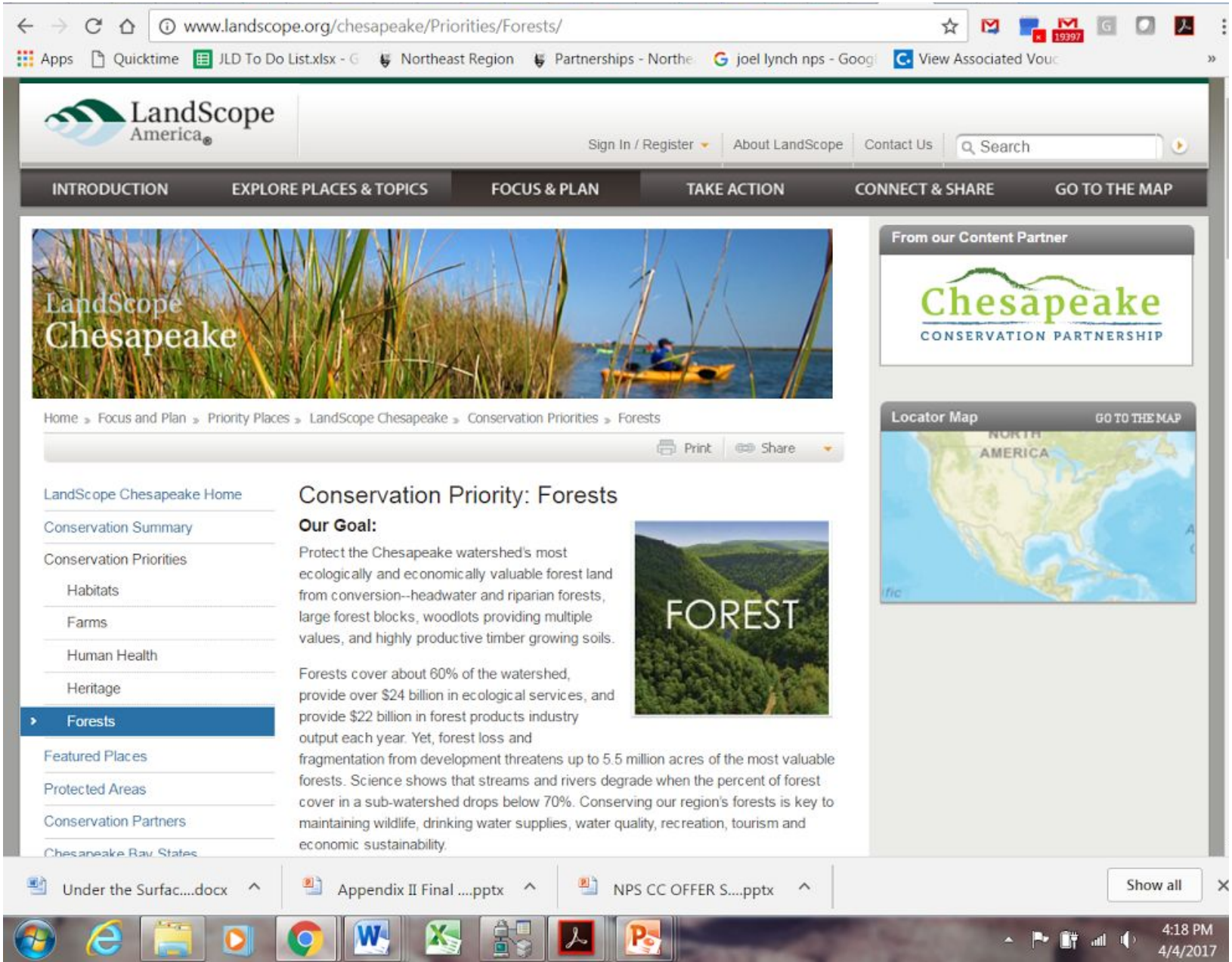

What’s Next?

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Spring - Summer

Protected Lands

Composite: F,F,H,H

Long-term Conservation Need

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Influences

Growth

Climate Impacts

Regional Focal Areas

Agriculture Expansion

Protection Status

Energy & Infra-structure

Areas of Urgency or Opportunity

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