

Agenda Chesapeake Bay Forestry Workgroup CBPO Fish Shack, Annapolis, MD November 6th, 2013

A Watershed Partnership

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10:00 Introductions Rebecca Hanmer

10:10 Riparian Forest Buffer Status Paper

Sally Claggett and Julie Mawhorter

The Forestry Workgroup will be the first to see a Draft of the Riparian Forest Buffer Status Paper that will be shared with other CBP groups later in the month. This Status Paper pulls together new data in a compelling way such that a broader audience can better understand forest buffers issues. A discussion of the data and ideas on follow-up to the Status Paper next year will be encouraged.

11:10 Riparian Forest Conservation Programs

MD, PA, VA, and?

Anne Hairston-Strang (MD), Derrick McDonald (PA), and Judy Okay (VA) will provide information on programs their states have to promote the conservation of forest buffers, and how effective this has been over the years. If there are other states that have similar programs, we would like to hear about them too. This discussion could also broaden to other programs that target conservation to certain landscapes and how they work.

12:00 LUNCH!

Please prepare to bring your own lunch or do take out from a nearby restaurant.

12:45 Working Land Conservation Strategy Julie Mawhorter and Sally Claggett

The Chesapeake Working Land Conservation Strategy is nearing completion. This is the workgroup's chance to provide input on the strategy outline and data to date, that are intended to get more farms and forests permanently protected using existing funding sources. A draft of the Strategy will be out in December.

1:30 LandScope Chesapeake

Jonathan Doherty

Jonathan Doherty of the National Park Service and Stewardship Goal Team, will give a demonstration of a new web-based conservation tool called Chesapeake Landscope.

2:00 Announcements

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