



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Agenda Chesapeake Bay Program Forestry Workgroup (FWG) Meeting

May 6th, 2015, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Western Maryland Research & Education Center (WMREC)
18330 Keedysville Road, Keedysville, MD 21756

Conference Line: 888-844-9904, **Code:** 680-2405#
Adobe Connect: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/fwg/>

10:00 Welcome and introductions

Sally Claggett, Coordinator

10:10 The Woods in Your Backyard

Jonathan Kays (UMD Extension)

Our host, Jonathan, will step us through the revised Woods in Your Backyard publication and other goings on with UMD Forestry Extension.

UMD Extension WMREC website: <http://agresearch.umd.edu/wmrec>

10:40 Forests for the Bay

Craig Highfield (Alliance for the Ches Bay)

Craig will talk about how Forest for the Bay builds off Woods in Your Backyard in Maryland and other Chesapeake Bay States.

11:15 Chesapeake Bay Program updates

Sally Claggett

- Management Strategies update: Sally will present the public comments received by the April 30 deadline on the Riparian Forest Buffer and Urban Tree Canopy Management Strategies. Next steps for the MSs will be discussed.
- Chesapeake Bay Model and Phase 6.0 Forest Land Uses update: Sally will give a status of the new forest land uses in Phase 6.0 and their relative target loadings i.e., where they 'landed' for the April deadline.
- New York City watershed forestry - Sally will give a short presentation of her recent trip to the NYC watershed in the Catskills.

12:00 Lunch (deli tray and drinks provided)

12:30 Field trip to Clear Spring buffer sites

13-year-old buffer plantings in the area have been hit hard with Emerald Ash Borer and may not be eligible to re-enroll. Anne Hairston-Strang and Justin Hynicka (MD DNR) will show us the sites (a 30 min trip from meeting location) and lead a discussion on how the FWG could address this and similar buffer issues going forward.

3:00 Adjourn