

AGENDA Chesapeake Bay Forestry Workgroup Conference Call June 4th, 2014, 10:30 AM – 12 PM

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

10:30 Introductions, Updates and Announcements

Sally Claggett

10:50 Discussion – RCPP Opportunities

Everyone

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) in the new Farm Bill combines the Agriculture Water Enhancement Program, Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative, the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative, and the Great Lakes Basin Program into one. The Chesapeake Bay is likely a "critical conservation area" nationally, therefore it would qualify for about 35% of the overall funding (around \$198 million so far). Funding authorities will be through EQIP, Conservation Stewardship Program, and Agriculture Conservation Program. About 40% of the funds can go to multi-state projects. The FWG will use this portion of the agenda to discuss opportunities.

11:10 Presentation on iTree Canopy

Eric Greenfield

iTree Canopy has been discussed and identified as a good tool to use for Verification of the Urban Tree Canopy BMP in the Chesapeake Bay Program. Eric will demonstrate the tool and discuss its strengths and weaknesses.

11:40 Discussion Everyone

12:00 Adjourn