

Forestry Workgroup Meeting Dec 1, 2021 9:00am-11:00am Meeting Materials: Link

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9:00 am Welcome and Introductions

Rebecca Hanmer, Chair

9:10 am Urban Forests of the BOS-WASH Megalopolis

A FRAMEwork for Research and Monitoring

Vince D'Amico, USFS

There are around 250,000 forests larger than 1 ha in the BOS-WASH megalopolis. The vast majority of these are under 10 ha; though small, such forests embody the "forest experience" for more people than any other forests in the US. We describe a dispersed network of sites from Baltimore MD to Springfield MA established to allow for long term monitoring and research in these forests.

Management to Maintain Biodiversity

Tara Trammell, USFS

Small forests across the BOS-WASH megalopolis experience a multitude of environmental changes from urbanization pressures to non-native plant invasion, shifting plant community structure. To maintain native plant communities, active management efforts that are easy to implement and cost-effective are needed. Similarly, restoring trees once iconic across urban landscapes is desirable for native biodiversity and ecosystem function.

9:50 am Discussion

10:00 am Outcome Attainability Team Update

Sally Claggett, USFS

Sally will give an update on OAT and discuss plans for a spring workshop on riparian forest buffers.

10:20 am Update on 2020 Progress Data

Katie Brownson, USFS

Katie will give an update on the forestry BMP data in 2020 progress. She will also present updated data on the forest buffer indicator.

10:35 am Bay-wide Forestry Assessment

Katie Brownson, USFS

Katie will discuss initial plans for a Bay wide assessment of forest and tree canopy based on the new land use data and request state representatives to participate.

10:45 am Round Robin

11:00 am Adjourn