



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG)**

**Webex Chat Summary\***

Thursday, May 6, 2021

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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*\*Chat messages were edited to provide clarity and correct grammatical errors. Messages that were irrelevant to preserving the questions and discussion below were removed (ex. reminding people to mute phones, letting participants know of call interference, etc.). There may be overlap between the chat and the WTWG Meeting Minutes. Refer the WTWG April 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting Minutes for more details and any Action and Decisions.*

from Anne Hairston-Strang, to everyone: 11:13 AM

Because of the fine scale of the imagery now, there will be long-standing gaps not counted as forest in imagery that offsets any temporary double-counting as the trees grow.

from Sally Claggett, USFS to everyone: 11:23 AM

Is Conservation Landscaping a land use change? I know it gets an upslope efficiency...

from Lori Brown, to everyone: 11:25 AM

That is confusing me as well. Thank you for bringing this up.

from Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting to everyone: 11:25 AM

Conservation landscaping is an efficiency reduction. 39% TN, 25% TP, 0% TSS. It is an urban BMP.

from Sally Claggett, USFS to everyone: 11:36 AM

I think I would like to understand better that "routing of narrow forest buffer to forest buffer in CAST"

from Vanessa Van Note, EPA to everyone: 11:36 AM

Sally, I think that would need to be discussed within the FWG

from Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting to everyone: 11:36 AM

@Sally, the only difference is the inspection frequency, which has to do with progress reporting in NEIEN. There is no difference in CAST.

from Sally Claggett, USFW to everyone: 11:37 AM

The FWG position is that narrow buffers are not buffers but tree planting along streams.

from Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting to everyone: 11:37 AM

@Sally, there are narrow forest buffers that have a smaller width. I think you were asking about Resource Improvement Buffers in NEIEN.

from James Martin, VA DEQ to everyone: 11:39 AM

Back out of forest and tree planting land use change practices will be based on the date of the land cover imagery used in the model's base conditions minus 15 years as recommended by the Forestry WG

from Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting to everyone: 11:39 AM

@Sally, narrow forest buffers are a land use change and do not have upland acre credit.

from Matt English, DOEE to everyone: 11:41 AM

I think I would likely be happy to stand aside at the least since this offer is significantly better than the current option

from Ted Tesler, PA DEP to everyone: 11:42 AM

Ideas on Verifying CREP Planting acres are also welcome

from Anne Hairston-Strang to everyone: 11:49 AM

For CREP, there should be mid-contract management visits.

from Gregorio Sandi, MDE to everyone: 11:55 AM

That was going to be my question, what date?