



## ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE FORESTRY WORKGROUP CO-CHAIR POSITIONS

[The Forestry Workgroup](#) will be looking to fill **two Co-Chair positions, starting September 2023**. As part of a re-structuring of the Workgroup, the Forestry Workgroup will be led by two Co-Chairs (one focused on rural watershed forestry and the other on Urban & Community Forestry) and assisted/supported by a Coordinator and Staffer, both housed at the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) Office.

### PRIMARY ROLES AND TIME COMMITMENT

The Forestry Workgroup provides a source of forestry expertise at the Chesapeake Bay Program. The Workgroup coordinates and supports partnership efforts to conserve and restore forests across the watershed. The Co-Chairs will set the vision for the Forestry Workgroup, with particular focus towards achieving the Riparian Forest Buffer and Urban Tree Canopy Outcomes and supporting forest conservation efforts, which were all set as priorities in the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. The Co-Chairs will also help guide the workgroup into 2025 and beyond, as we determine how to address emerging issues, including the impacts of climate change and land use change on Chesapeake forests.

The Co-Chairs will take a lead role in the guidance and facilitation of Workgroup meetings and activities, with support from the coordinator and staffer. The expected workload is about 1-2 hours a week on average, with opportunities for additional engagement depending on the interests and availability of the Co-Chair. The work includes preparation for monthly workgroup meetings, supporting preparation of [Strategic Review System](#) materials, supporting development of project ideas for the competitive annual GIT Funding cycle, engagement with Bay Program partners as necessary, and development of communication messages.

### CO-CHAIR QUALIFICATIONS:

We are seeking co-chairs with the following qualifications:

- Knowledge of forestry issues in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, including forest conservation, stewardship, and harvesting/management
- Experience with rural watershed forestry or urban & community forestry
- Previous engagement with the Chesapeake Bay Program and/or the Forestry Workgroup
- Experience facilitating collaborative meetings and projects
- Experience developing and implementing strategic plans
- Existing relationships with watershed forestry partners, including state forestry agencies, non-profits, and/or universities

We are hoping to get a diverse set of candidates and skillsets, so encourage interested individuals to apply even if they don't bring all of these desired qualifications.

If you are interested in filling one of these positions or if you'd like more information, please contact: **Katie Brownson** ([Katherine.Brownson@usda.gov](mailto:Katherine.Brownson@usda.gov)), **Julie Mawhorter** ([julie.mawhorter@usda.gov](mailto:julie.mawhorter@usda.gov)), and **Sophie Waterman** ([swaterman@chesapeakebay.net](mailto:swaterman@chesapeakebay.net)). Please attach a resume and a brief cover letter to your email that summarizes why you are interested in serving as a Forestry Workgroup co-chair and which co-chair position you are interested in.