

Chesapeake RFB Foresters “mini” Forum

Agenda

February 8, 2018
Greenbrier State Park Conference Room
21843 National Pike
Boonsboro, Maryland 21713

Objectives:

1) provide an opportunity for foresters to learn from each other about how to increase voluntary participation in riparian forest buffer (RFB) restoration and protection; 2) discuss partner roles and relationship building to boost coordination in delivering RFB programs; 3) discuss outreach, science, targeting, support tools and training opportunities; and 4) have open discussion and develop and prioritize a set of specific recommendations.

9:00 **Coffee & Danish**

9:30 **Welcome and Overview**
Sally Claggett, USFS Liaison, Chesapeake Bay Program

9:45 **RFB Value and Performance**
Skip Hyberg, Senior Economist, Economic and Policy Analysis, Farm Service Agency

10:00 **State Reports and Discussion** – Jenny McGarvey, Moderator: *Discussion of progress and challenges*

Todd Groh, Virginia Department of Forestry
Frank Rodgers and Holly May, West Virginia
Lydia Brinkley, Upper Susquehanna Coalition, New York
Matt Keefer and Teddi Stark, Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry
Anne Hairston-Strang, Maryland Forest Service
Bryan Jones, Sussex County Conservation District and Jay Davis, Delaware Fish and Wildlife Service

12:00 **LUNCH**

12:30 **Partner Roles and Relations** – Terry Noto, Conservation Strategies Consulting LLC, Moderator: *Understanding Partner Roles and Priorities*

Brent Cammauf, Maryland NRCS
Laura Pleasanton, Maryland FSA
Matt Keefer, Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry
Craig Highfield, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
Kristen Hoke, Chesapeake Bay Foundation

1:15 BREAK

1:30 Outreach, Targeting, Science, Support Tools and Training – Mike Linsenbigler,
Conservation Strategies Consulting LLC, Moderator: *Discussion of Ideas,
Resources, and Other Information available*

Peter Kleinman, USDA Agricultural Research Service (RFB report)
Todd Groh, Virginia Department of Forestry (targeting)
Sally Claggett and Jenny McGarvey (RFB website)
Ryan Davis, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

2:15 Discussion, Recommendations and Outcomes – Sally Claggett, Moderator: *Your
recommendations going forward*

3:15 Wrap Up

3:30 Adjourn