

Final Agenda

Regional Tree Canopy Analysis Updates:
*Presentations of New and Ongoing Efforts in the Collection and Analysis of
Tree Canopy Data in the Metropolitan Washington Region*

(This meeting is presented via Microsoft Teams)

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11:00 A.M. – 1:05 P.M.

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(Presentation period includes time for Q & A)

11:00 A.M. - Call to order / Welcome

Brian LeCouteur– COG Regional Urban Forester

11:05 A.M. - Chesapeake Bay Tree Canopy Fact Sheets – Julie Mawhorter, Mid-Atlantic Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator, U.S. Forest Service

The USFS / Chesapeake Bay Program in partnership with the Chesapeake Conservancy and other partners, has developed [tree canopy fact sheets](#) for all Bay counties share tree cover status, benefits (from i-Tree) and change information over the 2013/14 to 2017/18 time periods.

Chesapeake Bay Story Map - Katherine (Katie) Brownson, U.S. Forest Service Eastern Region - USFS Liaison to the Chesapeake Bay Program

Ms. Brownson will provide an overview of the [Chesapeake Bay Story Map](#) project highlighting collaborative restoration efforts throughout the watershed. The new story map shows how trees and forests throughout the watershed contribute to a healthy Chesapeake Bay.

11:45 A.M. - Maryland Forest Technical Study - Katie Walker, Geospatial Program Manager, Chesapeake Conservancy

The Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, in collaboration with Chesapeake Conservancy and other partners, issued a [Maryland Forest Technical Study](#) report last winter which was instrumental in passing an update to the MD Forest Conservation Act in April 2023. The Chesapeake community has been working hard to understand, maintain and improve its forested land. With the availability of the 1-meter Land Use/Land Cover and change data made available through the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP), partners across the watershed are able to summarize, analyze, and communicate information about our tree canopy in new ways.

12:15 P.M. - Tree Canopy Data Analysis, Software, and Incorporation into Management Planning & Policy from PlanIT Geo – Ian Hanou, CEO & Founder

PlanIT Geo provides the only high resolution, national land cover data and monitoring on a continuous basis, with canopy information updated cyclically every other year per state. An overview will be provided along with actionable results from recent studies in the DC metro area and elsewhere.

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12:45 P.M. - Tree Equity Score Analyzer (TESA) – Geri Rosenberg, Senior Manager, Geospatial Development and Analysis, American Forests

American Forests has developed the TESA tool for cities, regions and states that want to enhance their decision-making around tree planting protocols. In 2022, they developed a TESA tool for part of the Washington Region in collaboration with area stakeholders. This presentation will provide an update on their progress nationally and in our region.

1:00 P.M. - Final Thoughts / Updates

1:05 P.M. - Adjourn

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