



Save The Date

Shellbank Creek, James City County, VA
(Will Parson/Chesapeake Bay Program)

Healthy Forests: Proactive Strategies for Managing Threats and Promoting Conservation

February 24-25, 2026 | 9 am to 5 pm EST
The Delaplaine Arts Center | Frederick, MD

You are invited to a workshop to develop a comprehensive list of forest stressors, their impact on Chesapeake Bay forests and water quality, and management options to improve forest health and resilience. This invite-only event will convene forest entomologists and pathologists, urban foresters, ecologists, social scientist and more to holistically assess the threats to forest health, resilience, and conservation.

Join the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) and our partners for a two-day workshop designed to integrate insights from scientific research, expert testimony, and case studies to build a comprehensive framework of monitoring programs, adaptive management strategies, collaborative efforts, and other measures for achieving meaningful conservation outcomes. The workshop will focus on identifying major stressors to forest health and resilience in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, evaluating whether and the extent to which the major stressors identified may lead to declines in forest health, and evaluating how impairments to forest ecology may impact the ability of forests to improve water quality and the implications of these impairments for meeting the Bay Program's goals. The workshop will result in actionable recommendations to the Chesapeake Bay Program and partnership on how to achieve meaningful conservation outcomes through active forest management and stewardship.

This workshop is currently planned to be in-person with a virtual option; attendance and participation is through invitation or STAC membership.

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