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Memorandum

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From: Steven W. Koehn, Director / State Forester *SWK*
Subject: Forestry Subcommittee: NRCS State Technical Committee
Date: March 17, 2009

State Conservationist Jon Hall recently asked me to Chair a Forestry Subcommittee to the NRCS State Technical Committee (see separate attachment). The Forestry Subcommittee will serve to guide and recommend policy direction to the State Conservationist through the State Technical Committee on issues and matters involving forests, forestry, and related wildlife issues. The State Technical Committee is the principal stakeholder body serving the NRCS State Office on issues and matters relating to program delivery, structure, and policy, especially in relation to Farm Bill activities.

The Forestry Subcommittee will analyze and examine specific forestry issues and/or particular technical or programmatic topics. This group will meet prior to each State Technical Committee (approximately 3 to 4 times per year). Recommendations from the Forestry Subcommittee will be made in the general session of the State Technical Committee. The expected outcome will be the availability of more focused and viable incentive-based approaches to sustainable forest stewardship in Maryland.

As a leader and stakeholder in Maryland's Forestry Community, **I am inviting you, or your designee, to be a member of the Forestry Subcommittee.** We will be holding a **Forestry Subcommittee meeting on April 17, 2009** at the "Fish Shack" conference room at the offices of the Chesapeake Bay Program in Eastport starting at 9:30 am and running until 3:00 pm (see below for draft agenda). Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to my executive assistant Pam Cressman at (410) 260-8515 or pcressman@dnr.state.md.us so we can make the final arrangements. For directions, please visit the following website:

<http://www.chesapeakebay.net/directions.aspx?menuitem=14908>

I want to thank you in advance for your willingness to participate on the Forestry Subcommittee. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing all of you on April 17th.

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**Maryland Forestry Subcommittee
NRCS State Technical Committee**

**April 17th, 2009
Chesapeake Bay Program Office
410 Severn Avenue
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Draft Agenda

9:30	Arrive, Refreshments	All
9:45	Welcome & Introductions	Koehn
10:00	Purpose of Forestry Subcommittee <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inform & Advise NRCS STC• State Assessments & Response Plans	Koehn
10:30	Forestry Inter-Agency MOU	Koehn
11:00	Farm Bill Briefing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EQIP• CREP• CBWI	NRCS Staff
12:00	Lunch (Provided)	All
1:00	Review of Conservation Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other States (e.g. PA, AR, VA, IN, OH)	NRCS Staff
2:00	Strategies for Program Implementation	All
3:00	Wrap Up & Next Steps	Koehn
3:15	Adjourn	All

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