



2021 RIPARIAN FOREST BUFFER SUMMIT

MARCH 10 & 11, 2021

AGENDA

[Conference Details Available Online](#)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| Welcome and Introduction from DCNR | 10:00am - 10:15am |
| Remarks from the Secretaries | 10:15am - 11:00am |
| Lunch and Learn: Documentary Sponsored by CBF & the K10 Partnership
K10 Updates: Brenda Sieglitz, <i>Senior Manager, Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership, CBF</i>
Documentary: The Hidden Life of Trees | 11:00am – 1:00pm |
| Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planting Forests, Not Trees
<i>Art Gover, Extension Specialist, Penn State</i>• Ecological Assessment of USDA CREP Buffers with implications for flexibility
<i>Rob Brooks, Professor Emeritus, Penn State</i> | 1:15pm - 2:00pm |
| Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taking Stock of Big Picture, Strategic Priorities for Watershed Restoration
<i>Dave Wise and/or Matt Ehrhart, Stroud Water Research Center</i>• Resources to Empower Landowners to Improve Water Quality
<i>Kristen Koch, Program Manager, Penn State Ag & Environment Center/Extension</i> | 2:15pm - 3:00pm |
| Keynote: Making a Home for the Rain
<i>Stacy Levy, Environmental Artist</i> | 3:15pm - 4:00pm |
| Zoom Networking Happy Hour
Grab a drink and join your colleagues for randomized Zoom meet & greet chats! | 4:15pm – 5:15pm |

Communicating with Decision Markers

Marel King, *Chesapeake Bay Commission*

9:00am - 9:45am

Concurrent Sessions

10:00am - 10:45am

- **Pests and Diseases of Common Live Stake Species**

Jennifer Fetter, *Water Resources Educator, Penn State Extension*

- **Business of Buffers/Role of the Landscape Professional**

Beth Ginter, *Executive Director, Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council*

Justin Ulanoski, *President, Native Creations Landscape Services, Inc.*

Concurrent Sessions

11:00am - 11:45am

- **Developing Effective Planting Plans**

Ryan Davis, *Forests Program Manager, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay*

- **Working with your nursery- The Importance of Communication & Collaboration**

Jim Mackenzie, *President, Octoraro Native Plant Nursery*

Lunch & Learn

12:00pm - 12:45pm

Grab your lunch and join one of the "round-table" virtual breakout sessions to chat with other buffer professionals about the highlighted topics (full topics list TBD)

Concurrent Sessions

1:00pm - 1:45pm

- **Long-Term Nitrate Removal in Riparian Buffers**

Tyler Groh, *Assistant Research Professor, Penn State University*

- **Looking Upland: DCNR's new Lawn Conversion Program**

Kelsey Miller, *Lawn Conversion Program Coordinator, DCNR Bureau of Forestry*

Concurrent Sessions

2:00pm - 2:45pm

- **Rapid stream de-listing: engaging partners and landowners in restoration with a tangible outcome**

Adrienne Gemberling, *Senior Project Manager, Chesapeake Conservancy*

- **Buffers for Game Species. Selling Riparian Forest Buffers to Hunters, Trappers, and Anglers**

Jim Kauffman, *Pennsylvania Forest Projects Coordinator, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay*

Keynote

Thomas Easley, *Yale*

3:00pm - 3:45pm

Concluding Remarks

Matt Keefer and Teddi Stark, *PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry*

3:45pm - 4:00pm