

# Chesapeake Tree Canopy Summit

January 14 - 15, 2020

Patuxent Research Refuge - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
National Wildlife Visitor Center  
10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop  
Laurel, MD 20708

## Summit Objectives:

- Build a broad base of knowledge of the newer opportunities available to advance tree canopy efforts with hands-on training and presentations by subject matter experts;
- Identify opportunities to disseminate these lessons at the local, sub-regional, and state level;
- Catalyze collaboration with new cross-sector partners such as planning, public health, and stormwater; and
- Identify opportunities for continuous improvement, such as tool enhancements, gaps in guidance and/or resources.

## January 14, 2020 (Day One)

- 10:00 a.m. Registration/Meet & Greet by State**
- 10:30 a.m. Welcome and an overview of the Summit**
- 10:45 a.m. Keynote Presentation: “State of the Science: Public health benefits of urban forest/trees”**  
Dr. Kathleen Wolf, University of Washington
- 11:30 p.m. Improving Public Health with Trees: Practical Applications**  
Panel: D.C. Public Health and Tree Canopy Partnerships (Moderator: Robert Corletta, D.C. Urban Forestry Division)  
Melissa Deas - Heat mapping and resiliency (15 minutes)  
John Henderson - Park Rx (15 minutes)  
Dr. Kathleen Wolf (10 minutes)
- Facilitated Q&A: Dr. Kathleen Wolf, Melissa Deas, John Henderson, and Robert Corletta
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch (provided)**
- 1:15 p.m. Improving Public Health with Trees: New resources available**  
U.S. Forest Service
- 1:30 p.m. Latest Tree Canopy Data and Tools, Part I**  
Land Image Analyst (Justin Hynicka, Green Infrastructure Center)  
i-Tree Landscape (Krista Heinlen, The Davey Institute)
- 2:15 p.m. Break**
- 2:30 p.m. Addressing Issues of Equity: Community Case Studies**  
Sarah Anderson, American Forests, Tree Equity Program  
Ruby Stemmler, Ecolatinos  
Brenda Richardson, Chozen Consulting, LLC  
Mark Conway, Baltimore Tree Trust

**3:50 p.m.      Wrap-up Day 1**

**4:00 p.m.      Adjourn**

**January 15, 2020 (Day Two)**

**8:30 a.m.      Nature Walk at Patuxent (optional)**

**9:00 a.m.      Assorted pastries and coffee at Patuxent (provided)**

**9:30 a.m.      Welcome Back - Reflections on Day 1**

**9:45 a.m.      Latest Tree Canopy Data and Tools, Part II**  
University of Vermont/US Forest Service, Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne

**10:30 a.m.      Break**

**10:45 a.m.      Capturing the Stormwater Benefits of Trees**  
Chesapeake Stormwater Network, Tom Schueler and David Wood

**11:45 a.m.      Lunch (provided)**

**12:30 p.m.      Forest-Friendly Communities: Strengthening Local Codes and Ordinances**  
Center for Watershed Protection, Julie Schneider

**1:30 p.m.      Funding Community Forestry**  
University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center, Jen Cotting and Kristel Sheesley

**2:30 p.m.      Summit synthesis and next steps to bolster local tree canopy efforts**  
Guiding questions:

- How might you disseminate the lessons learned at a local, sub-regional, or state level?
- What opportunities exist for you to catalyze cross-sector partnerships (e.g., planning, public health, and stormwater)?

**3:00 p.m.      Adjourn**

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