

What is a  
Collaborative  
Project?

## Collaboration

*“We need to treat our publics as equals. Instead of educating the public we should work with them, involving them at every step of the way in our decision making.*

*Our role at the Forest Service has changed: we still have an obligation to lead, but as organizers and facilitators rather than as experts who have all the answers, because we don’t.”*

\*Dale Bosworth, Centennial Congress Report Out, 1/6/05  
Forest Service Chief 2001 to 2007

A group of approximately ten people are gathered in a forest, surrounded by young trees and dense undergrowth. They appear to be engaged in a field activity or a guided walk. The text overlay on the left is semi-transparent and features decorative flourishes above and below the main text.

Collaboration

Starts with a  
Collaborative  
Partnership

Conversations begin  
Excitement is generated



Possibilities are explored  
Potential is assessed  
Talk is transformed to action

The background image shows a lush green forest with several people working in a field. One person in a purple shirt and khaki pants is in the foreground, bent over and working with plants. Another person in a light-colored shirt and orange hat is visible in the background. The scene is set in a dense, green environment with tall trees and thick undergrowth.

## Collaboration

- Who needs to be involved?
- What is the mutual benefit?
- Where will it happen?
- When is the work to occur?
- Why should it be done?

# Collaboration

What does it  
take to  
develop a  
successful  
collaborative  
project?





Trust  
Relationships  
Common ground  
Communication





# Lower Cowpasture Restoration and Management Project

## *George Washington and Jefferson National Forests*

*The Lower Cowpasture Restoration and Management Project is the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests' first-ever large landscape and integrated resource planning effort. The project plan describes restoration activities within 117,500 acres of public and private lands.*

## **What is Happening with The Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership?**

The Lower Cowpasture Restoration Project is restoring the health, diversity and resiliency of fire-adapted forests and rare plant communities while working to decrease the risk of wildfire to adjacent communities; improve habitat for declining early successional birds and other species important to Virginia; improve water quality, function and connectivity of streams and full passage of aquatic organisms, including surrogate species such as brook trout and other rare fish and mussel species; and remove non-native invasive plant species

Letter from District Ranger McNichols

Collaboration

Hello All,

It is hard to believe it is September already and our fiscal year is coming to a close. Our field season has been a busy one and we have a number of updates to share.

Our 2017 Joint Chiefs' Partnership Grant funds have created great opportunities for implementation of projects.

I am grateful to all who have supported the LCRMP in the planning and now the implementation stages. The project truly integrate treatments across federal, state and private lands in a biologically rich and priority watershed.

Accountability  
Timeliness  
Accomplishment  
Reports


Elizabeth McNichols

District Ranger



Collaboration  
Benefits  
Trust  
Understanding  
Impact  
Increased Capacity  
Results



A group of approximately 15 people are gathered in a sun-dappled forest. Some individuals are wearing khaki uniforms with patches, while others are in casual attire like t-shirts and jeans. They appear to be in a meeting or a field training session. The background is filled with lush green trees and undergrowth.

Focus on the  
Future  
Build on the  
Past

Collaboration is essential to  
Carry out our mission  
It Provides Mutual benefits  
Implements new initiatives  
And is in the public interest