



Coordinator's Report

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Local Government Team Recent & Planned Activities

- **May 4** In-Person meetings with **PSAB, PSATS, PML**-***TY James Wheeler***
- **June 3-11** Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week: Theme “Chesapeake Journeys”
- **June 16** Lancaster County Roundtable (with Lancaster Clean Water Partners and York County Planning Commission)-***TY Leo Lutz***
- **June 22** Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Meeting-***TY Don Phillips***
- **June 30** P2P WV Walking Tour of Green Infrastructure Projects-***TY Jim Barnhart***
- **July** In-Person meetings with **VACo & VML**
- **August** Launch of ***ProtectLocalWaterways.org*** website
- **Sept 28-29** LGAC Meeting in PA (the Inn at Leola Village, Leola, PA)
- **Fall** In-Person meetings with **MML & MACo**
- **October** Annual Chesapeake Executive Council Meeting DC (date either 12, 19 or 26)
- **Nov 30-Dec 1** LGAC Meeting in DC
 - Local Government Forum on **???**

LGAC and Chesapeake Watershed Leaders

- How LGAC provides advice to CBP Leaders
 - “The purpose of the LGAC is to advise the Executive Council on how to effectively implement projects and engage the support of local governments to achieve the goals of the Bay Agreement.”
 - It has not been working well--every year LGAC has 5 minutes to share its wisdom (!)
 - Now there are discussions on how to improve the role of Advisory Committees
- *Topics for 2023 Local Government Forum:*
 - Addressing Bottlenecks to Watershed Improvements (ex Stormwater, Land Conservation)?
 - Workforce Development?
 - Other?

2023 Annual Recommendations for the Executive Council Ideas

From the Jurisdiction Meetings

- Support recommendations from the CESR Report especially regarding a focus on shallow waters and living resources.
- Recognize smaller municipalities require fully funded grants, fully funded planning and expertise, and fully funded operational and maintenance support. Without full funding, smaller (and poorer) communities are simply shut out.
- Programs should be developed to incentivize moving end-of-life septic systems onto municipal systems with capacity. Recognize that there are huge, multiple-scale benefits and improvements to be realized with the removal of individual septic systems.
- Support Circuit Riders!!!
- Other??

Thank You!
