



Local Government Advisory Committee

to the Chesapeake Executive Council

Local Government Advisory Committee/
CBP Local Leadership Workgroup
MD Jurisdiction Meeting
Talking Points
March 23, 2023 | 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Introductions:

- Attendees
 - LGAC
 - Mark Dobbins, Northeast Maryland Planning Commission
 - Sheila Finlayson, Alderwoman, City of Annapolis
 - Kelly Porter, Mayor, City of Seat Pleasant
 - Josh Hastings, Councilmember, Wicomico County
 - Bruce Williams, Former Mayor, City of Takoma Park
 - LLWG
 - Andy Fellows, U of MD Natl Center for Smart Growth
 - Les Knapp, MDE
 - Mark Hoffman, Chesapeake Bay Commission
 - Nancy Nunn, UMD Harry Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology
 - Justin Fiore, MML
 - Shannon Moore, Frederick County
 - MD
 - Kathy Stecker, MDE
 - Phil Stafford, MD DNR
 - Dave Goshorn, MD DNR
 - Nicole Christ, MDE
 - Frank Dawson, Montgomery County
 - CBP Representative
 - Kristin Saunders

Facilitator: Shannon Moore

Notetaker: Cara Johnson

- Please introduce yourself, who you represent, and one goal you have for this discussion.
- Overarching Questions:
 - What do local governments need in the next 2 years to implement watershed restoration?
 - What does “restored waterways” mean to local governments?
 - How do local governments want to be involved in the next version of the Bay Agreement?
- Based upon previous input these are specific priorities:
 - LGAC Priorities

- Pivoting with the new Governor and the many newly elected officials plus jurisdiction leadership
- Supporting the 1 million trees initiative
- Seeking solutions to address invasive species.
- LLWG Priorities
 - Continue working closely with MaCo and MML
 - Focus on engaging newly elected officials and targeting smaller communities
 - Peer 2 Peer learning exchanges (getting to the newly elected officials)
 - Tailoring A Local Government Guide to the Bay
 - Having resources available for the transition to 2025 and Beyond (communicating funding opportunities, climate change, Environmental Justice)
- Jurisdiction Priorities
 - Sea level rise
 - Wastewater management
 - Improving Water Quality for better health and Bay restoration
- CBP Priorities
 - Science
 - Identify new and emerging scientific data and studies which could modify our progress reporting and adaptive management approach, as well as the goals and outcomes under the Watershed Agreement.
 - Enhance our monitoring and reporting capabilities to improve our understanding of existing conditions and trends.
 - Define the existing and emerging challenges (e.g., climate change conditions, increasing growth, diversity, equity, inclusion and justice considerations) to accomplishing the partnership's work under the Watershed Agreement, and how addressing those challenges might alter our collective restoration priorities, including the possibility of extending the target date for completing restoration of water quality beyond 2025.
 - Identify opportunities to leverage action across multiple goals and outcomes of the Watershed Agreement.
 - Restoration
 - Develop and begin to implement a communication strategy that identifies key partnership successes, associated ecosystem improvements and areas where more effort is needed.
 - Provide snapshots of outcome attainability under the Agreement (e.g., which outcomes are likely to be met by the date(s) set by the partnership, which won't, and why) and options for communicating these snapshots to demonstrate progress in achieving our outcomes and the remaining work to be done, including gaps to be addressed.

■ Partnership

- Focus on moving beyond 2025 by seeking ways in which restoration can be relevant to all communities within the watershed.
- Assess the overall partnership to determine whether we
- Are effectively hearing from and listening to all stakeholders, and
- Have systems of evaluation and decision-making to enable meaningful action and allocation of partnership resources.
- Based on this assessment, develop recommendations for potential improvement.

Open discussion of other local priorities

This is an opportunity to discuss unique priorities (local, jurisdictional, CBP) and find opportunities for overlap, support and brainstorming.

Note Taker Notes:

End/Final thoughts or takeaways

Top 2-3 Takeaways:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.