



Local Government Advisory Committee

to the Chesapeake Executive Council

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

Introductions:

- Attendees
 - LGAC
 - Jasmine Gore, Councilmember, Hopewell
 - Richard Baugh, Councilmember, Harrisonburg
 - Amy Dubois, Former Supervisor, Mathews County
 - Penny Gross, Supervisor, Fairfax County
 - Andria McClellan, Councilmember, Norfolk
 - LLWG
 - James Hutzler, VACo
 - Mitchell Smiley, VML
 - Michelle Edwards, VA Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission
 - Kendall Tyree, VA SWCD
 - VA
 - Jake Kline, VA DEQ
 - Kevin McClean, DEQ Chesapeake Bay Program Manager
 - Terry Lasher, Department of Forestry
 - Rachel Peabody, VA Marine Resource Commission
 - CBP Representative
 - Carin Bisland

Facilitator: Michele Edwards

Notetaker: Alexa Maione

- 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
 - Supporting the customization of education modules by working with regional planning commissions
 - finding efforts to support workforce training

- Getting DoD more involved in local government.
- LLWG Priorities
 - Peer 2 Peer learning exchanges (with a Stormwater focus)
 - Tailoring A Local Government Guide to the Bay and fixing the information gap at the local staff level
 - Increasing engagement through webinars (examining current federal funding is beneficial at the local level)
 - Prioritizing accessible educational and outreach materials to assist with staff capacity and information gaps
 - Dissemination of resources through PDCs, planners networks, Watershed Roundtables
- Jurisdiction Priorities (TBD)
- 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.