



Chesapeake Bay Program  
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October 21, 2025

# Local Leadership and Toxic Contaminants Workgroups

## Joint Quarterly Meeting

*Local Leadership: Les Knapp, Chair | Maura Christian, Vice Chair*  
*Toxic Contaminants: Tony Timpano, Chair*

*We'll begin at 9:00 am*

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# Meeting Policies

- All meeting attendees' cameras and microphones will be muted at the start of the meeting.
- To request access to the microphone and camera, all meeting participants will be required to use the raised hand feature on Teams. Once access has been granted by the meeting organizer, you will then be allowed to unmute your mic and turn on your camera. Unless instructed otherwise, once a participant has microphone or camera access, they will have this permission for the remainder of the meeting.
- Access to chat will be provided as well. Should it be necessary, the Q&A feature on Teams will be utilized to field participant questions.

**Compromised Meeting Plan:** If the meeting's privacy is compromised, the meeting staffer and coordinator will send an email to all Members, alternates, staffers, coordinators, and interested parties. Within the email, you will find a new meeting link, instructions on sharing this information with external partners, and any necessary adjustments to the meeting schedule. Please do NOT share this information publicly or post it to the [Chesapeakebay.net](https://www.chesapeakebay.net) webpage.

**Purpose:** A collaborative meeting between the Local Leadership and Toxic Contaminants Workgroups to: Identify technical and policy challenges, needs, and opportunities surrounding PFAS from the local government perspective, Identify resources, tools, and data available to aid local governments, and by extension state and federal governments, in PFAS management, and Strengthen the network between the Toxic Contaminants and Local Leadership Workgroups.

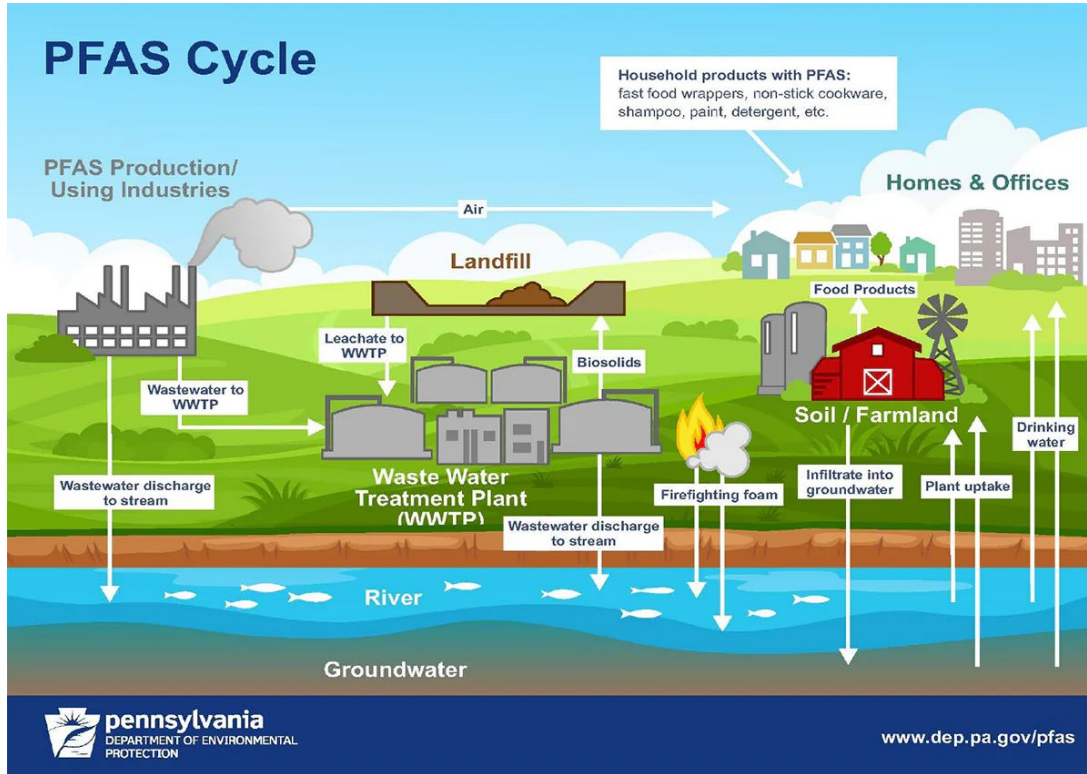


Photo: PA DEP

# Collaborating on PFAS to Support Local Governments

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# Meeting Objectives

- Identify technical and policy challenges, needs, and opportunities surrounding PFAS from the local government perspective
- Identify resources, tools, and data available to aid local governments, and by extension state and federal governments, in PFAS management
- Strengthen the network between the Toxic Contaminants and Local Leadership Workgroups

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# Agenda

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## **Local Leadership Workgroup (LLWG) & Toxic Contaminants Workgroup (TCW) 101**

*Les Knapp, MDE & Tony Timpano, VA DEQ*

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### **TCW Primer**

*From the Toxic Contaminants Workgroup perspective, what key challenges and opportunities exist for state and local governments to collaborate on PFAS policy and management?*

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### **LLWG Primer**

*From the Local Leadership Workgroup perspective, what key challenges and opportunities exist for state and local governments to collaborate on PFAS policy and management?*

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# Agenda

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## **Group Discussion**

*A combination of breakout rooms and full group discussions to explore opportunities for collaboration, address challenges identified, and network across workgroups and jurisdictional boundaries to support local governments in addressing PFAS and other toxic contaminants*

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## **Wrap-up and Next Steps**

*Les Knapp, LLWG Chair & Tony Timpano, TCW Chair*

The joint meeting ends at 10:45 am.  
The LLWG will continue meeting until 11:15 am.



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# Local Leadership & Toxic Contaminants Workgroup 101

*Who are our members? What is our outcome and targets? How do we work to achieve that?*

Les Knapp, Local Leadership Workgroup Chair

Ton Timpano, Toxic Contaminants Workgroup Chair

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# Local (Government) Leadership

- Membership
  - State Agencies
  - Local Government Associations (municipal leagues/county associations)
  - Regional Planning Entities



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# Local (Government) Leadership

- Outcome: Increase the knowledge and support the capacity of local government leaders in decision-making, such as land use planning, to implement local actions that advance the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.
- Target: Engage directly (e.g., roundtable discussions) with at least 400 local government leaders annually.
- Target: Engage indirectly (e.g., newsletters) with at least 4,000 local government leaders annually.

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# Toxic Contaminants Workgroup

- Membership
- Interested parties

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# Toxic Contaminants Workgroup

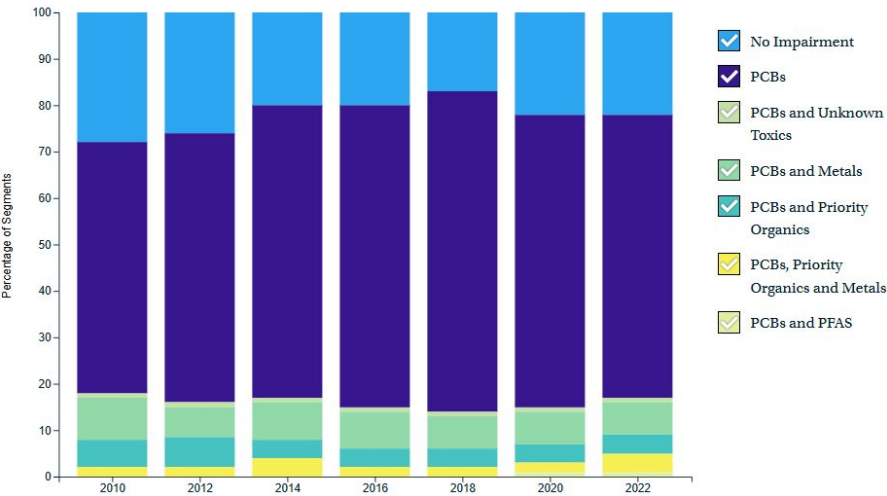
- Toxic and Emerging Contaminants Outcome: Reduce the amount and effect of toxic contaminants, such as PCBs, plastics, mercury and PFAS, on the waters, lands, fisheries, wildlife and communities of the Chesapeake Bay watershed through an increased understanding of their impacts and mitigation options.
- Target: Promote information sharing between researchers, program managers and policymakers on the lessons learned, best practices and most up-to-date science, policy and communications around the toxic contaminants impacting the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

**Toxic Impairments in the Tidal Chesapeake Bay (2010-2022)**

Percentage of Tidal Segments in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia with Partial or Full Impairments Due to Chemical Contaminants

\*PCBs and PFAS were not measured prior to 2020.

[VIEW CHART](#) [VIEW TABLE](#)



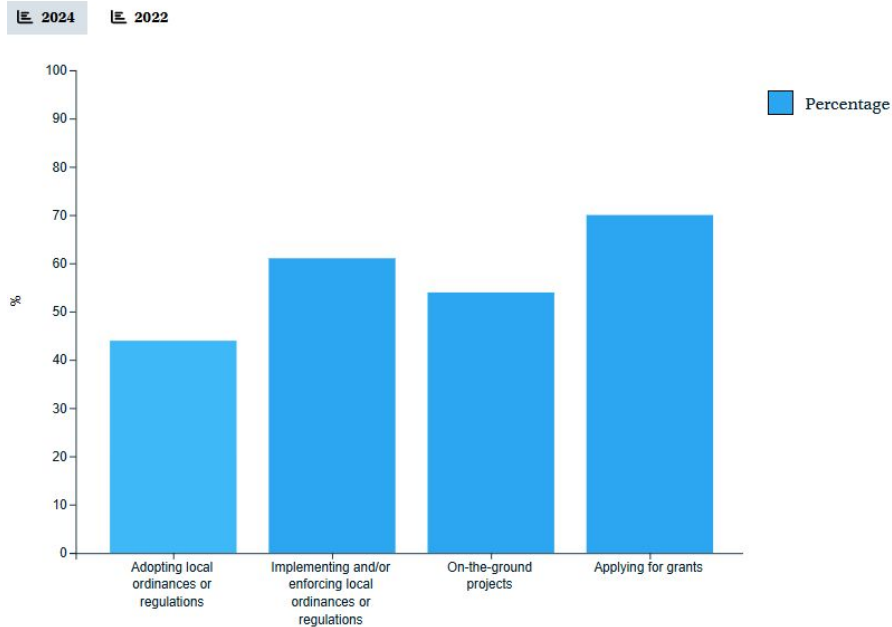
# Toxic Contaminants Workgroup

## PFAS Primer

*From the Toxic Contaminants Workgroup perspective, what key challenges and opportunities exist for state and local governments to collaborate on PFAS policy and management?*

% of Local Officials Reporting Water Resource-Related Activities in the Previous Three Years [🔗](#)

[VIEW CHART](#) [VIEW TABLE](#)



# Local Government Leadership Workgroup PFAS Primer

*Local Leadership Workgroup members will share their perspectives on key challenges and opportunities within their jurisdiction or from local governments in their network to collaborate on PFAS policy and management, as well as what they hope to learn from the TCW to strengthen and support local governments' efforts to address PFAS and other toxic contaminants.*



# Group Discussion

*Collaborating and networking across workgroups and jurisdictional boundaries to support local governments in addressing PFAS and other toxic contaminants*

Moderator: Les Knapp and Tony Timpano

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# Key Takeaways & Next Steps for Collaboration

## Networking & Collaboration Follow-Up Request Form



2025

# Local Government Leadership

## *Business Meeting*



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# Agenda

- 1 **Local Leadership Workgroup Year in Review**
- 2 **LLWG IN 2026**  
*What key topics should we cover in 2026?*
- 3 **Next Vice Chair**
- 4 **Wrap-up & Next Steps**  
*Les Knapp, LLWG Chair*

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# Watershed Agreement Revisions

Our new name:

*Local Government Leadership Workgroup (LGLW)*

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# Watershed Agreement Revisions

Our new outcome:

*Increase the knowledge and support the capacity of local government leaders in decision-making, such as land use planning, to implement local actions that advance the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.*

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# Watershed Agreement Revisions

Our new targets:

Engage directly (e.g., roundtable discussions) with at least 400 local government leaders annually.

Engage indirectly (e.g., newsletters) with at least 4,000 local government leaders annually.

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# Peer to Peer Tours

- 3 Tours Hosted, 1 to go!



Virginia  
*Clean and Green Growth*



Pennsylvania  
*Collaborating on Natural  
Resource Management*



Pennsylvania  
*Intermunicipal Collaboration  
for Clean Water*

**Thank you VML, VACo, PML, PSAB, and CCAP for their support!**



# Wandering Maryland's Waterways

November 7, 2025

*Stormwater Infrastructure that  
Protects, Prepares, and Pays Off*

Prince George's County

**Thank you EFC, MML, and MACo for  
their support!**





## WANDERING MARYLAND'S WATERWAYS

**Stormwater Infrastructure That Protects, Prepares, and Pays Off for Local Communities**

Join us for an immersive one-day bus tour showcasing stormwater infrastructure and management solutions in Prince George's County! Explore practical strategies, creative funding models, and real-world success stories that demonstrate how effective stormwater solutions can strengthen both the environment and the economy.

### TOUR DETAILS

-  November 7th, 2025  
8:45 am - 3:15 pm
-  Tour projects across Prince George's County
-  Lunch and tour free of charge
-  **Optional boat tour on the Anacostia River** **NEW**

 **REGISTER TODAY!**

All photos courtesy of the Chesapeake Bay Program



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# Technical Assistance Inventory and Gap Analysis

Add talking points from EPIC

**Thank you Jim, Martha, Maura, Kathy, Jen, Pam, Michelle, and Laura for serving  
on the Steering Committee!**

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# Protect Local Waterways

- 1,100 Visitors
- 129 Resource Downloads
- Updating and adding case studies to:
  - [Preserving Local Character and Landscapes](#)





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# Publications

- [DC Peer to Peer Blog](#)
- [PA Peer to Peer Blog - Bay Journal](#)
- [Supporting small towns creates big wins for the Chesapeake Bay - VA Town & City - VML](#)
- Protect Local Waterways Announcements
- Watershed Agreement Revision Public Feedback

What should

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# Wrap-up & Next Steps

- Action items (if necessary)
- Key Takeaways
- Next Meeting:
  - TBD - Will decide dates by end of year