



# Coordinator's Report

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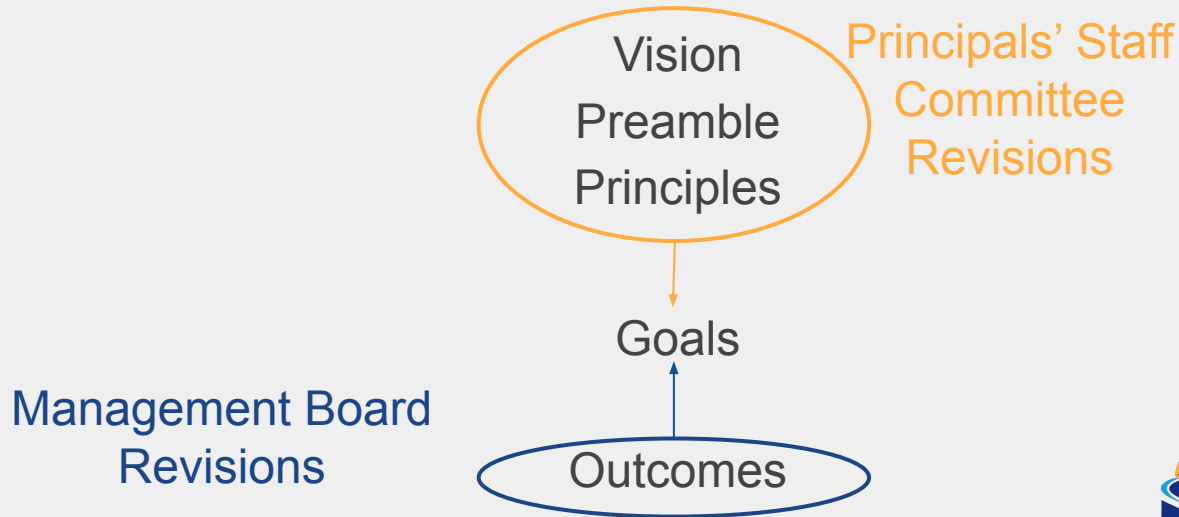
March 2025

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# Beyond 2025 - Phase II

- Executive Council Charge from December 2024
  - Update the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement
  - Streamline the structure and governance of the Chesapeake Bay Program



# LGAC Feedback on Vision, Preamble, Principles

- Vision, Preamble and Principles do not use plain language and are not easy for local governments to understand.
- Highly supportive of local government principle: *Acknowledge, support and embrace local governments and other local entities in watershed restoration, conservation and protection activities.*
- Consider adding additional language about economic and quality of life benefits

\*LGAC Staff will share track changes version of edits. LGAC Members can send any additional comments to Staff by COB on Wednesday March 26th\*



## Pulse Check Disposition Results: Agreement



Outcome	Disposition	Majority %
Oysters	Update	100%
Blue Crab Abundance	Update	100%
Stewardship	Update	100%
Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring	Update	100%
2025 Watershed Implementation Plans	Update	100%
Sustainable Schools	Reclassify	100%
Environmental Literacy Planning	Update	100%
Diversity	Replace	100%
Public Access Site Development	Update	100%
Protected Lands	Update	100%
Wetlands	Update	100%
Black Duck	Reclassify	100%



## Pulse Check Disposition Results: Not Agreement



Outcome	Disposition	Majority %	Primary Dissenting Opinion
Adaptation	Update	94%	Reclassify
Local Leadership	Update	86%	Replace



## Pulse Check Disposition Results: Not Agreement



Outcome	Disposition	Majority %	Primary Dissenting Opinion
Land Use Options Evaluation	Update	77%	Consolidate

Monitoring and Assessment	Reclassify	76%	Replace
Toxic Contaminants Policy and Prevention	Update	72%	Consolidate
Toxic Contaminants Research	Update	67%	Consolidate
Healthy Watersheds	Update	52%	Reclassify

# Land Use Outcomes

**\*High Priority\***

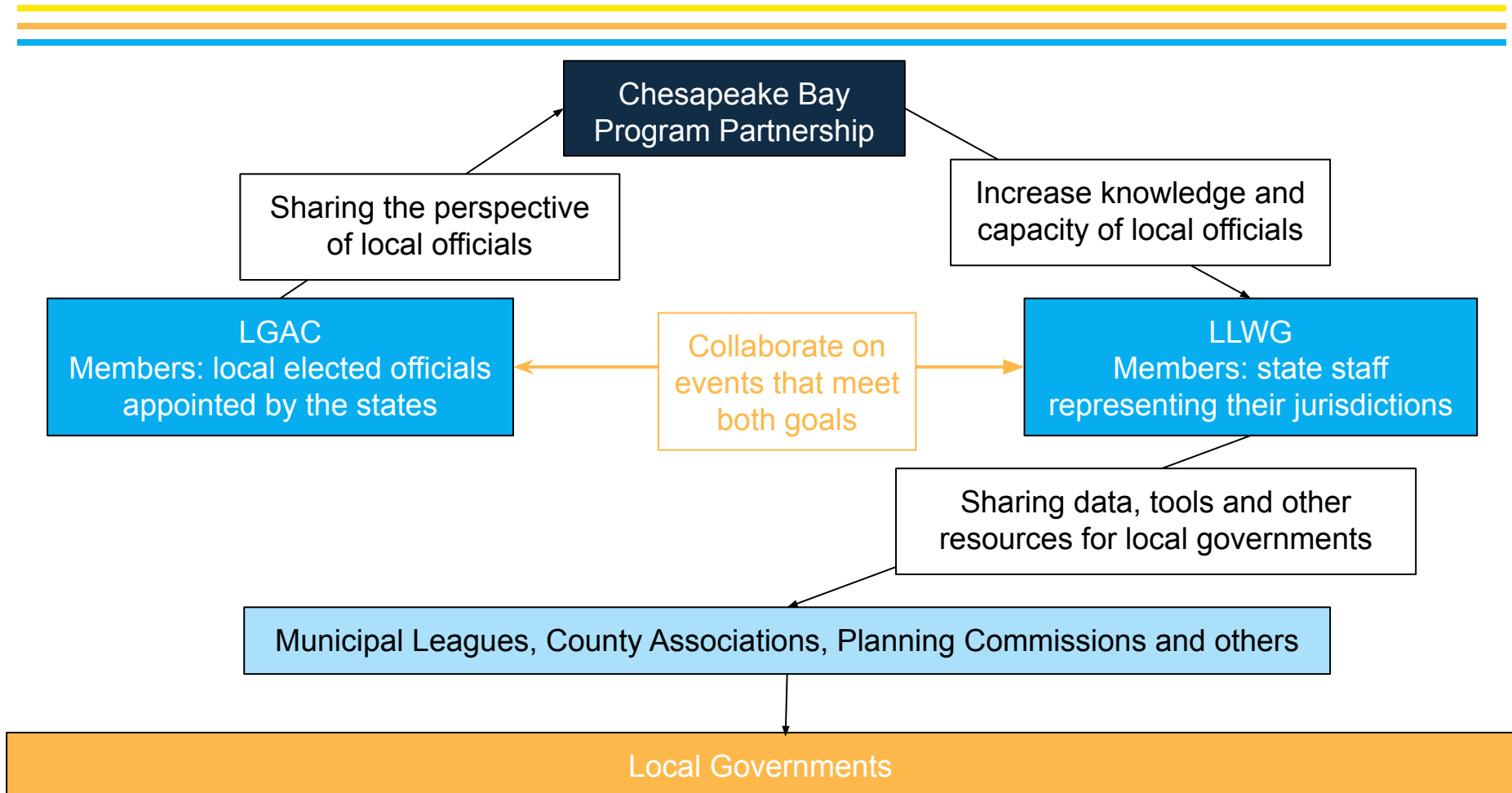
- High resolution land use data is valuable to local governments
- But local governments may not know that land use data exists or how to use it. Some may need technical assistance to effectively use the data.
- Having examples of local policies and/or planning tools could be a valuable resource for local governments. Needs to be state specific.
- State and federal partners need to connect with local planners to 1) share high resolution land use data 2) provide technical assistance to use the data and 3) share best practices and case studies

# Local Leadership Outcome

**\*High Priority\***

- Strong support for continuing to ‘increase the knowledge and capacity of local officials’
- A key commitment from state and federal partners to support local governments
- LGAC supports a stronger connection to the Local Leadership Outcome, but has concerns about an advisory committee leading implementation of an outcome





# Climate Outcomes

**\*High Priority\***

- A climate science framework should be applied across all outcomes
- Monitoring of changing environmental conditions continues to be critical
- Local governments need federal and state investments in adaptation practices and maintenance of those practices
- Practices that provide dual benefits for water quality and adaptation, like flood mitigation, should be prioritized

# Toxic Contaminants Outcomes \*Medium Priority\*

- Local governments are on the front lines of toxic contaminants and other environmental disasters
- Need to be realistic about the scale of toxic contaminant impacts, potential costs to local governments and the timeline required to address toxic contaminants
- Suggest that outcome language includes the phrase ‘emerging contaminants’ with or without a list of specific toxic contaminants

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# Process Review

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# Beyond 2025 - Phase II: LGAC Involvement to Date

- December 2024 LGAC Meeting:
  - Reviewed Executive Council charge
  - Discussed process for updating the watershed agreement
- January 2025:
  - LGAC Leadership identified outcomes that were relevant to local governments
  - Virtual LGAC member discussion on outcomes that were relevant to local governments
- February - March 2025:
  - Based on virtual discussion, LGAC Leadership drafted responses to 'pulse checks'
  - LGAC represented at Management Board reviews of Outcome Assessment and submitted 'pulse checks'

# Beyond 2025 - Phase II: Looking Ahead

- March 2025 LGAC Meeting:
  - Update on proposed revisions to the Watershed Agreement
  - Discussion of key issues that are relevant to local governments
- March 27: Management Board meeting to discuss outcomes
- March 28: Principals' Staff Committee meeting to discuss proposed revisions
- April 3: Advisory Committee Briefing and Feedback
- April 10: Management Board final decision on outcomes
- May 7 - 8: Management Board retreat to rewrite outcomes
- June 5 - 6: LGAC Quarterly Meeting

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## Other Updates

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# New Website Coming Soon!!



# 2025 LGAC Meeting Dates and Themes

Date	Theme	Location
<del>March 20th - 21st</del>	<del>Beyond 2025 Phase II</del>	<del>Cambridge, MD</del>
June 5th - 6th	Land Use Planning/Land Conservation	Richmond, VA
September 4th - 5th *NEW DATE*	Sandboxing and Regulatory Flexibility	Gettysburg, PA
December 5th	Federal Update and Jurisdiction report-outs	Virtual

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**Thank you!!**

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