



Coordinator's Report

September 2025

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LGAC Annual Recommendations Process

December Quarterly Meeting

- Federal/state updates
- Set priority topics for next year



September Quarterly Meeting

- Discuss priority topic #3
- Discuss annual recommendations



March Quarterly Meeting

- Discuss priority topic #1



June Quarterly Meeting

- Discuss priority topic #2

LGAC Annual Recommendations Process

- September 5 - Discuss annual recommendations at Quarterly LGAC Meeting
- Mid September - LGAC Staff draft recommendations letter
- Late September - LGAC Chair/First Vice Chair review/revise draft letter
- Early October - Draft letter is circulated to all LGAC members for review/revisions
- Late October - LGAC staff revise and share with LGAC Executive Committee
- Early November - LGAC Executive Committee approves final letter
- November 11 - Annual recommendations due to Executive Council
- December 2 - LGAC Chair presents annual recommendations to Executive Council

Example Annual Recommendation from 2022

- *LGAC calls on the Chesapeake Executive Council to take the leadership role in promoting the requisite green infrastructure workforce development, training and certification programs as a means to support local economies and continue watershed restoration efforts.*
 - **Resulting Action:** Revised Agreement includes a Workforce Outcome

Example Annual Recommendation from 2023

- *LGAC is a long-term advocate of the Circuit Rider concept of facilitating implementation through the engagement of local governments and stakeholders. Chesapeake watershed jurisdictions created their versions of circuit riders and LGAC requests that the Chesapeake Executive Council expand support for a number of current programs that meet the goals of Circuit Rider efforts. Local governments and LGAC encourage expanding the proven efforts listed below.*
 - **Resulting Action:** Chesapeake Bay Program tasked the Local Leadership Workgroup with conducting an inventory and gap analysis of existing local government technical assistance programs

Revised Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement



Local Government Engagement During Public Feedback Period

- Conference Sessions:
 - Virginia Association of Counties - [thank you Penny!](#)
 - County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania - [thank you Marty!](#)
- Jurisdiction Meetings in July with key partners - [thank you to all members!](#)
 - Maryland Municipal League (MML)
 - Virginia Municipal League (VML)
 - Virginia Association of Counties (VACo)
 - Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB)
 - Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners (PSATC)
 - County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP)
 - Pennsylvania Municipal League (PML)

Local Government Engagement During Public Feedback Period

- One-pager for local governments - [thank you Kayli!](#)
 - Shout-out from MD Secretary Josh Kurtz and VA Secretary Stefanie Taillon
- Webinar for local governments - [thank you Marty and Khesha!](#)
 - 70+ registrants from 40+ local governments around the watershed
- Newsletter/social media posts - [thank you to our partners at the Local Leadership Workgroup!](#)
 - Shared by Maryland Association of Counties, Virginia Association of Counties, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs and more

LGAC Feedback Letter - High Level Summary

- Local officials appreciate that the revised Watershed Agreement is a refresh and not a complete rewrite.
- The Watershed Agreement's four revised goals are easier for local governments to understand.
- The Watershed Agreement does not specify what resources will be available for implementation.
- Local governments need clarity on what is expected of them.

Miscellaneous Reminders

- Volunteer Hours/Reimbursement Forms
- Next LGAC meeting is on Friday December 5th from 9am - 12pm (virtual)
- If anyone wants to help draft LGAC's annual comments, your help would be welcomed!

Thank you!
