



Local Government Advisory Committee

to the Chesapeake Executive Council

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

Introductions:

- Attendees
 - West Virginia
 - Megan Diehl, Region 9 Planning and Development Council
 - Matt Pennington, Downstream Strategies
 - Jennifer Pauer, WV DEP
 - New York
 - Wendy Walsh, Upper Susquehanna Coalition
 - Janet Thigpen, Southern Tier Central Regional Planning & Development Board
 - Lauren Townley, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
 - Delaware
 - Don Phillips, Former Councilmember, Town of Laurel
 - Jim Sullivan, DE DNREC
 - Martha Narvaez, University of Delaware
 - Marcia Fox, DE DNREC
 - CBP Representative
 - Lucinda Powers

Facilitator: Martha Narvaez

Notetaker: Rachel Felter

- 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
 - WV
 - Supporting innovative projects for quality of life efforts that are supporting walking trails and parks
 - discussion on the summer 2023 peer to peer.
 - DE

- Understanding what other jurisdictions are going with the education modules
 - Stressing workforce development opportunities to the Governor and Sec of Dept of Labor
 - Finding opportunities to meet up with 5 communities to build relationships.
- NY
 - New York appointment of an LGAC Member
- LLWG Priorities
 - Roundtables
 - A Local Government Guide to the Bay
 - Distributing educational materials to newly elected officials
 - One-day Peer 2 Peer learning exchange
 - Equitable funding for economically disadvantaged communities
- Jurisdiction Priorities
 - Engaging local, State, regional, and Federal stakeholders through communication about our programs and through outreach efforts.
 - Finding funding solutions to assist economically disadvantaged and underserved communities in Delaware.
 - Increase Urban Canopy and Forest buffers through tree planting initiatives in Delaware.
 - Promote healthy watersheds and climate resiliency through the creation of backyard habitats by implementing conservation landscaping and community conservation initiatives.
- 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.