

Local Government Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting Agenda

March 19 - 20, 2026

This meeting will be hybrid.
Hotel Gettysburg, 1 Lincoln Square, Gettysburg, PA 17325

<p><u>Day 1: March 19</u> 10:00 am - 5:00 pm</p> <p>Meeting Link: Register for the Meeting via Zoom Meeting ID: 825 3238 3086</p>	<p><u>Day 2: March 20</u> 8:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p>Meeting Link: Register for the Meeting via Zoom Meeting ID: 849 5344 0808</p>
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Purpose & Meeting Objectives:

- Explore proposed changes to the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) governance/structure and provide feedback
- Explore proposed Management Strategy Framework and provide feedback
- Discuss changes to LGAC operations to align with CBP changes

Agenda

Thursday March 19, 2026

- I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Qually will welcome LGAC members and review the meeting objectives.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Commissioner Marty Qually, Local Government Advisory Committee Chair
Materials: None

10:00 am – 10:10 am

- II. Discussion with Region 3 Administrator**

EPA’s Region 3 Administrator Amy Van Blarcom-Lackey will introduce herself to LGAC members, share her priorities for the Chesapeake Bay Program, and provide a high-level perspective on the need for an updated Bay Program governance and structure.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Regional Administrator Amy Van Blarcom-Lackey, Environmental Protection Agency
Materials: None

10:10 am – 10:40 am

- III. Panel: Discussion about Streamlining the CBP Partnership**

Hear from a panel of CBP signatory leaders about how simplifying and streamlining the CBP’s governance and structure will more effectively meet the goals of the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Facilitator: Councilmember Josh Hastings, LGAC First Vice Chair
Panelists:

10:40 am – 11:30 am

- Deputy Secretary Jill Whitcomb, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- Anna Killius, Chesapeake Bay Commission Executive Director
- Leila Duman, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Materials: None

Plenary Discussion with LGAC Members and Signatory Panelists 11:30 am – 12:00 pm

IV. Lunch with Secretary Jessica Shirley, PA Department of Environmental Protection 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

V. Presentation: Overview of Proposed Changes to the CBP Governance and Structure 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Over the last several months, a team of key representatives from state and federal partners has drafted proposed revisions to the CBP’s governance and structure.

Requested Action: Non-decisional discussion

Lead: Doug Bell, Chesapeake Bay Program

Materials: Presentation

Plenary Discussion with LGAC Members 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm

VI. Presentation: Overview of Proposed Changes to the Management Strategies 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Over the last several months, a team of key representatives from state and federal partners has drafted a new framework for the Management Strategies including a template.

Requested Action: Non-decisional discussion

Lead: Sarah Brzezinski, Chesapeake Bay Program

Materials: Presentation

VII. Breakout Discussions: Proposed Changes to the Management Strategies 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Discuss LGAC’s perspective on the proposed Management Strategy Framework.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Facilitator: LGAC Members

Materials: None

VIII. Field Trip: Battlefield Tour with Gettysburg Foundation 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Explore lessons learned from our country’s 250 year history related to interstate collaboration, state leadership, and the balance between state and federal authority. Discuss how these lessons learned could benefit the governance of a multi-state/federal partnership like the Chesapeake Bay Program.

IX. Dinner 6:00 pm

Friday March 20, 2026

X. Breakfast 7:00 am – 8:00 am

XI. Welcome 8:00 am – 8:10 am

Commissioner Qually will welcome LGAC members and review the meeting objectives.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: Commissioner Marty Qually, Local Government Advisory Committee Chair

Materials: None

XII. Jurisdiction Meeting Report-Outs and Member Updates 8:10 am – 8:40 am

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: LGAC Vice Chairs

Materials: None

- XIII. Annual Business Meeting** **8:40 am – 9:30 am**
- Annual Elections for LGAC Chair and Vice Chairs
 - Executive Committee Report (Chair and First Vice Chair)
 - LGAC Coordinator’s Report (Coordinator)
 - Local Government Leadership Workgroup Report (Chair)
 - Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week (CBP Communications Office)

Requested Action: Decisional
Lead: Commissioner Marty Qually, Local Government Advisory Committee Chair
Materials: Presentations

- XIV. Presentation: Possible Changes to LGAC Operations and Priorities** **9:30 am – 10:00 am**
- Given the changes to the CBP’s governance and structure, LGAC has the opportunity to make possible changes to align LGAC operations and priorities.

Requested Action: Non-decisional discussion
Lead: Laura Cattell Noll, Local Government Advisory Committee Coordinator
Materials: Presentation

- XV. Small Group Discussions** **10:00 am – 10:30 am**

- XVI. Plenary Discussion** **10:30 am – 11:15 am**

Requested Action: Non-decisional discussion
Lead: Commissioner Marty Qually, Local Government Advisory Committee Chair
Materials: None

- XVII. Chesapeake Bay Program Updates** **11:15 am – 11:45 am**
- Update on Principals’ Staff Committee response to 2025 LGAC Recommendations Letter.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Khesha Reed, Chesapeake Bay Program Deputy Director
Materials: Presentation

- XVIII. Wrap-Up** **11:45 am – 12:00 pm**
- Review any new business, future agenda items, and action items from this meeting.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Commissioner Marty Qually, Local Government Advisory Committee Chair
Materials: Presentation

- XIX. Adjourn** **12:00 pm**

Next Meeting: ThursdaySeptember 24th - Friday September 25th, 2026

Optional: Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum **1:00 pm**

Recently named ‘Best New Museum’ by USA Today, the Beyond the Battle Museum features immersive exhibits exploring the experiences of residents in Adams County before, during, and after the Civil War. Meet at the museum at 1 pm. Cost is \$15 per person.

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