



**National Conservation Training Center
Shepherdstown, WV**

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Meeting materials and handouts can be found by clicking on the meeting page below:

<https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/local-government-advisory-committee-quarterly-meeting-september-2024-west-virginia>

This meeting will be recorded for internal use to ensure the accuracy of meeting notes.

Meeting Objectives:

- To better understand the shifting regulatory landscape, including recent Supreme Court decisions
- Explore opportunities for 'sandboxing' within the existing regulatory framework
- Prepare for LGAC's annual recommendations to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council

Thursday September 26, 2024

10:00 am Call to Order

Brianne Nadeau, DC Councilmember and LGAC Member

10:05 am Welcome to West Virginia

James Barnhart, Berkeley County Commissioner and WV LGAC Member

10:10 am Presentation on Clean Water Regulatory Landscape

An overview of the Clean Water Act, the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), and other key regulations that drive restoration and protection of local waterways.

Presenter: Dr. Lara Fowler, Penn State

11:00 am Panel: Impact of Relevant Supreme Court Decisions

Panelists will share different perspectives on how the Sackett decision and the Loper Bright decision impact local governments and/or the clean up of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Moderator: Frank Dawson, MD LGAC Member

Panelists:

- *Evan Isaacson, Chesapeake Legal Alliance*
- *Lisa Ochsenhirt, AquaLaw*
- *McKaia Dykema, National League of Cities*

12:00 pm Lunch in the Dining Hall

Meet with caucus groups (urban, suburban, rural/small town) at labeled tables for informal discussion with peers from different jurisdictions.

1:00 pm What is regulatory sandboxing?

Experts will provide an overview of regulatory sandboxing, including examples from the fisheries and energy efficiency industries, and detail how this approach could be replicated in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Presenter: Phoebe Higgins, Environmental Policy Innovation Center

1:30 pm Workshop: Exploring Regulatory Sandboxing Opportunities

Discuss two possible regulatory sandboxing opportunities to better understand how this innovative strategy could support local governments' efforts to restore local waterways.

Facilitator: Harry Huntley, Environmental Policy Innovation Center

Speakers:

- *Supervisor Jeffery Mitchell, East Cocalico Township*
- *Frank Dawson, MD LGAC Member*

2:50 pm **Break**

3:00 pm **Bus Tour: Clean Water Practices in West Virginia**

In a recent progress report to the Environmental Protection Agency, West Virginia reported having met or being on track to meet all of their TMDL goals (nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment reductions) by the 2025 deadline. Tour clean water practices in the region and hear from WV local governments about their secrets to success.

Presenters:

- *Josephine Saikali, Eastern Panhandle Planning and Development Council*
- *Mayor James Gatz, Shepherdstown, West Virginia*
- *Jared Tomlin, Martinsburg, West Virginia*

5:30 pm **Adjourn**

6:30 pm **Dinner in the Dining Hall**

Friday September 27, 2024

7:00 am **Breakfast in the Dining Hall**

8:00 am **Welcome**

8:10 am **Jurisdiction Meeting Report-Outs and Member Updates**

9:00 am **Chesapeake Bay Program Updates**

Key updates on recent work within the Chesapeake Bay Program including, LGAC's 2023 Annual Recommendation letter, the Beyond 2025 work, and planning for Executive Council meeting this December.

Presenter: Khesha Reed, Deputy Director, Chesapeake Bay Program

9:30 am **Annual Recommendations Breakout Discussions**

LGAC's annual recommendations to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council are due by November 15th. Breakout discussions will focus on several key possibilities that were raised during September Jurisdiction meetings.

10:30 am **Plenary Discussion on Annual Recommendations**

11:15 am **Business Meeting**

- Executive Committee Report (LGAC Chair)
- LGAC Coordinator's Report (Coordinator)
- Local Leadership Workgroup Report (LLWG Vice-Chair)

11:50 am **Final Thoughts/Actions from this Meeting**

- New Business
- Future Agenda Items
- Action Items from this meeting

12:00 pm **Adjourn**

Next LGAC Quarterly Meeting: Friday, December 6th from 9am - 12pm (Virtual)