



<u>2024 Local Government Forum: Looking Beyond 2025</u>	Facilitated by LGAC Chair Daniel Chao and LGAC members Don Phillips, Josh Hastings	<p>Forum Objective:</p> <p>This year's forum convened a broad group of local elected officials, appointed officials, senior staff, and local government association staff from around the watershed to discuss the draft Beyond 2025 Steering Committee report and its implications for local governments. Through facilitated discussions, the forum collected feedback to inform LGAC's recommendations to the Chesapeake Bay Program leadership for their consideration related to the future of the watershed restoration effort.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff will convene a stand up LGAC ad hoc committee to compile Forum feedback and submit a letter to the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee and the CBP Principal Staff Committee.• Staff will distribute the final Forum report and appendices to attendees.
<u>Call to Order: Greetings and Introductions</u>	LGAC Chair Daniel Chao	Meeting called to order at 8:35 am.
Jurisdiction Meeting Report-Outs and Member Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DC Report-Out: Brianne Nadeau• DE Report-Out: Don Phillips• MD Report-Out: Mark Dobbins• PA Report-Out: Michael Helfrich• VA Report-Out: Richard Baugh• WV Report-Out: Jim Barnhart	<p>DC - Historic Anacostia Splash event had to be rescheduled again. DC continues to feel the effects of the changing climate. DC LGAC has continued working with staff to plan a Wandering the District's Waterways Tour for late 2024.</p> <p>DE - For the 2025 state fiscal year, the Delaware General Assembly set up 1.2 million as match funds for federal grants that aim to meet Chesapeake Bay water quality goals.</p> <p>MD - MD LGAC had a robust discussion on the proposed changes to the LGAC Strategic Plan and LGAC Bylaws, as well as on the new</p>

		<p>member position description.</p> <p>PA - PA LGAC received an update from PA DEP about the county action plans and clean water progress teams. Leo Lutz has been working with staff on the Lancaster County Roundtable with Lancaster Clean Water Partners on 7/24.</p> <p>VA - VA LGAC had their first quarterly meeting with Stephanie Taillon, VA Deputy Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources. Andria McClellan and Sheila Noll have been working with staff on the Hampton Roads Roundtable on 7/30. Richard Baugh has been working with staff on the Shenandoah Valley Roundtable on 8/1.</p> <p>WV - WV Region 9 has a new Environmental Program Coordinator, Joesphine Saikali. The Chesapeake Bay Trust has recently funded three projects in WV, including an infrastructure concept plan for the City of Shepherdstown. WV DEP was awarded \$1 million for disadvantaged communities within the state, and some of those funds will go towards addressing PFAS contamination in WV.</p>
2024 Local Government Forum Debrief	Don Phillips, LGAC Member on Beyond 2025 Steering Committee	<p>LGAC Members were invited to share their thoughts on the 2024 Local Government Forum and discuss key takeaways.</p> <p>LGAC members identified the following themes from discussions at the Forum around the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Plain language</u> - the current Beyond 2025 Steering Committee report is not understandable to a broader audience. It needs to be simpler, include recaps or takeaways and/or have a plain language executive summary. ● <u>Conservation</u> - the current definition of conservation included in the report does not adequately balance other priorities and should be revised.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Local government technical assistance</u> - a worthwhile idea, but how it's implemented will determine its value to local governments. • <u>Funding</u> - unclear if this report lays the foundation for the additional funding that local governments need to be true partners. • <u>Voice for local governments</u> - local governments are the 'boots on the ground' and future iterations of the agreement and/or partnership should include opportunities to learn from and incorporate their perspective <p>Action: LGAC members are hosting a series of roundtable discussions this summer throughout the watershed to get additional feedback on the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee report and the future of the watershed restoration efforts from a broad range of local officials.</p>
Chesapeake Bay Program Updates	Khesha Reed, Deputy Director, CBP Contact: reed.khesha@epa.gov	<p>K. Reed shared EPA Chesapeake Bay funding opportunities and the EPA's response to the 2023 LGAC Annual Recommendations to the Executive Council.</p> <p>Action: Staff will add a funding update to future quarterly meeting agendas.</p>
Updates from the Ad Hoc Committee on LGAC Bylaws and Strategic Plan	Andria McClellan, Ad Hoc Committee Chair & LGAC Member	<p>A. McClellan shared the Ad Hoc Committee's proposed amendments to LGAC's Bylaws, proposed updates to LGAC's Strategic Plan, and the proposed LGAC Member Position Description.</p> <p>Decision: Updated bylaws were approved via a unanimous vote. M. Helfrich gave the motion and J. Barnhart seconded.</p>
Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee Report (Chair) • Coordinator's Report (LGAC Coordinator) 		<p>LGAC Chair spoke on recent efforts to further collaborate with the other CBP Advisory Committees.</p> <p>LGAC Coordinator provided the schedule of upcoming LGAC-hosted roundtable</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Leadership Workgroup (LLWG) Report (Chair) 		<p>discussions, shared suggested themes for the September and December 2024 quarterly meetings, and recapped recent and upcoming local government engagement efforts.</p> <p>LLWG Chair shared the purpose and preliminary results of the Local Leadership Survey, and updated members on recent local government engagement efforts.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will move the virtual December LGAC quarterly meeting to the morning of 12/6 only from 9 am -12 pm. • Staff will schedule jurisdiction meetings for mid-November through the first week of December.
<p>Final Thoughts/Actions from this Meeting</p>		<p>Staff shared action items from the meeting.</p> <p>New Business and Future Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest in discussing Sandboxing examples and pilot programs. • Interest in a briefing on recent Supreme Court decisions and their impacts on environmental regulations.

LGAC Members Present: James Barnhart, Markus Batchelor, Richard Baugh, Emeritus Member Phil Briddell, Daniel Chao, Frank Dawson, Mark Dobbins, Amy Dubois, Cindy Dyballa, Sheila Finlayson, Jasmine Gore, Josh Hastings, Michael Helfrich, Leo Lutz, Andria McClellan, Brianne Nadeau, Sheila Noll, Don Phillips, Kelly Porter, Marty Qually, John Thomas, and Emeritus Member Bruce Williams.

LGAC & LLWG Staff: Laura Cattell Noll, Kayli Ottomanelli, and Rick Mittler.

Speaker/Guests Present: Marisa Baldine (Alliance), Jessica Blackburn (Alliance), Keith Bolit (EPA CBPO), Maura Christian (VA DEQ), Meg Cole (CRC STAC), Rachel Felver (Alliance), KC Filippino (Hampton Roads PDC), Alex LoCurto (Alliance), Martha Narvaez (UD WRC), Erin Penzelik (PA DEP), Khesha Reed (EPA CBPO), Matt Robinson (EPA CBPO), Josephine Saikali (WV Region 9), Kristin Saunders (UMCES), Kathy Stecker (MDE), and James Sullivan (DNREC).