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Local Leadership Workgroup Update

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Workplan Update

Workplan Update

- On track or complete – 14 actions 🟢

- Risk of Getting Off-Track – 0 actions 🟡

- Off Track – 0 actions 🔴

- Current workplan ends in February 2025

- Working through the Strategy Review System as we speak to update our workplan

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Technical Assistance Inventory and Gap Analysis

Technical Assistance Inventory and Gap Analysis

- Identify and inventory existing local government technical assistance programs that align with the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement* outcomes.

- Compile standardized information about each technical assistance program (geographic scope, funding source, types of local governments served, type of services offered, costs, and key watershed agreement outcomes the technical assistance addresses).

Technical Assistance Inventory and Gap Analysis

- Define and analyze gaps (regions, types of local governments, types of services offered, watershed agreement outcomes covered)in existing technical assistance programs.

- Recommend approach to fill gaps in technical assistance to local governments to drive increased implementation towards meeting watershed agreement outcomes.

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August Quarterly Meeting

Talking Toxics with Local Governments

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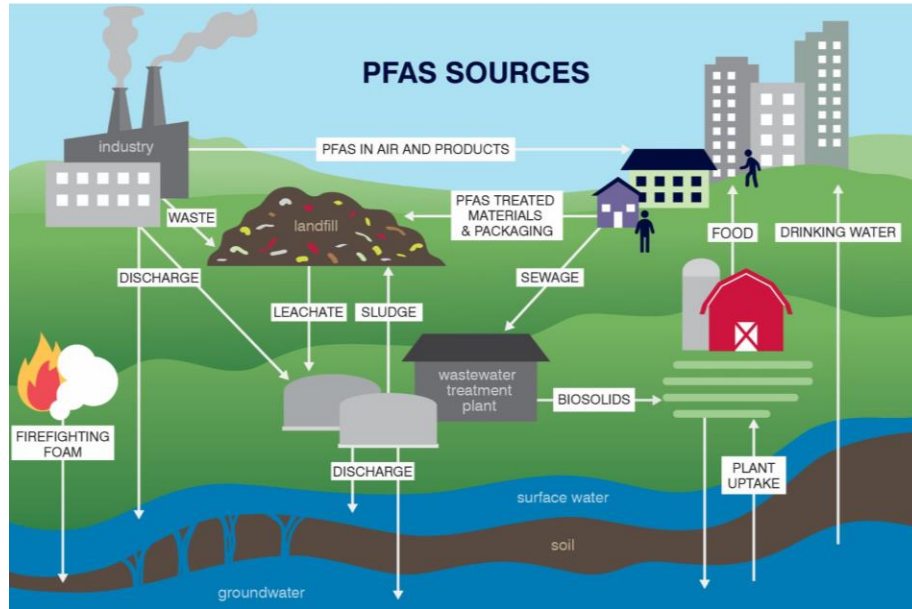
Support Local Governments in Addressing Toxic and Emerging Contaminants

August Quarterly Meeting

Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities

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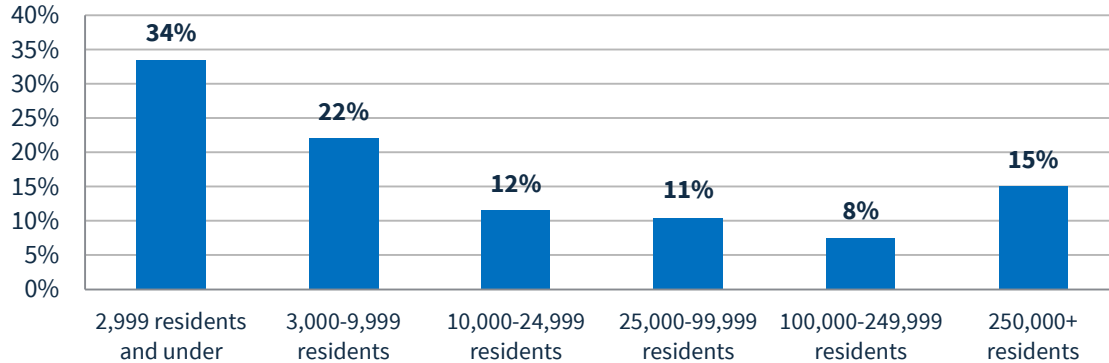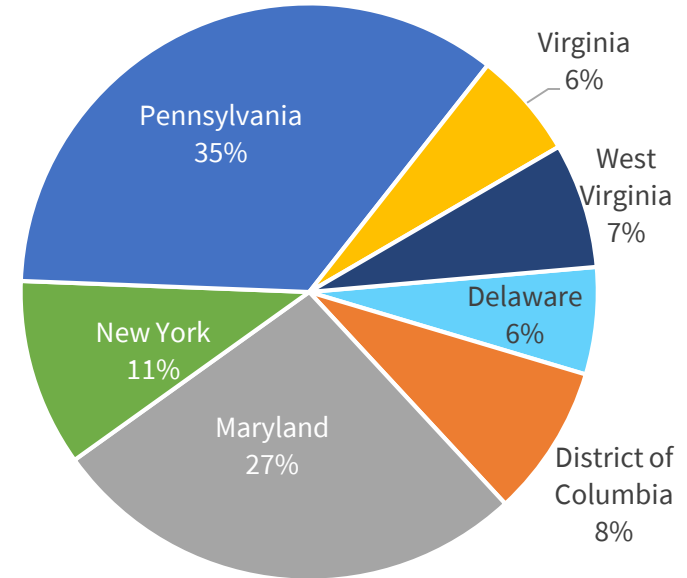
Local Leadership Survey

Findings and Figures

Local Leadership Survey

- 200 respondents from communities in all six states in the Bay watershed and Washington, D.C.

Community Population

State

State	Percentage
Pennsylvania	35%
Virginia	6%
West Virginia	7%
Delaware	6%
District of Columbia	8%
Maryland	27%
New York	11%

Local Leadership Survey – Key Takeaways

of Correct Answers

- 2 correct 3%
- 3 correct 10%
- 4 correct 9%
- 6 correct 47%
- 5 correct 31%

% Correct

True: A watershed is a specific geographic area	73%
True: Every community is part of a watershed	76%
True: My community is part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed	82%
True: Actions taken in one part of a watershed affect other parts of the watershed	85%
False: Watershed boundaries are based on local jurisdictions (e.g., cities and counties)	94%
False: All watersheds are approximately the same size	100%

0%   50%   100%

Local Leadership Survey – Key Takeaways

Rules Community is Subject to

Legend: ■ Not sure ■ Subject to ■ Not subject to

Category	Not sure	Subject to	Not subject to
CBPRP	50%	37%	13%
Groundwater withdrawal	46%	34%	20%
Chesapeake Bay TMDL	43%	43%	14%
CSO	41%	31%	29%
Local TMDL	36%	47%	17%
NPDES	36%	60%	5%
SDWA	36%	56%	9%
MS4	22%	61%	18%
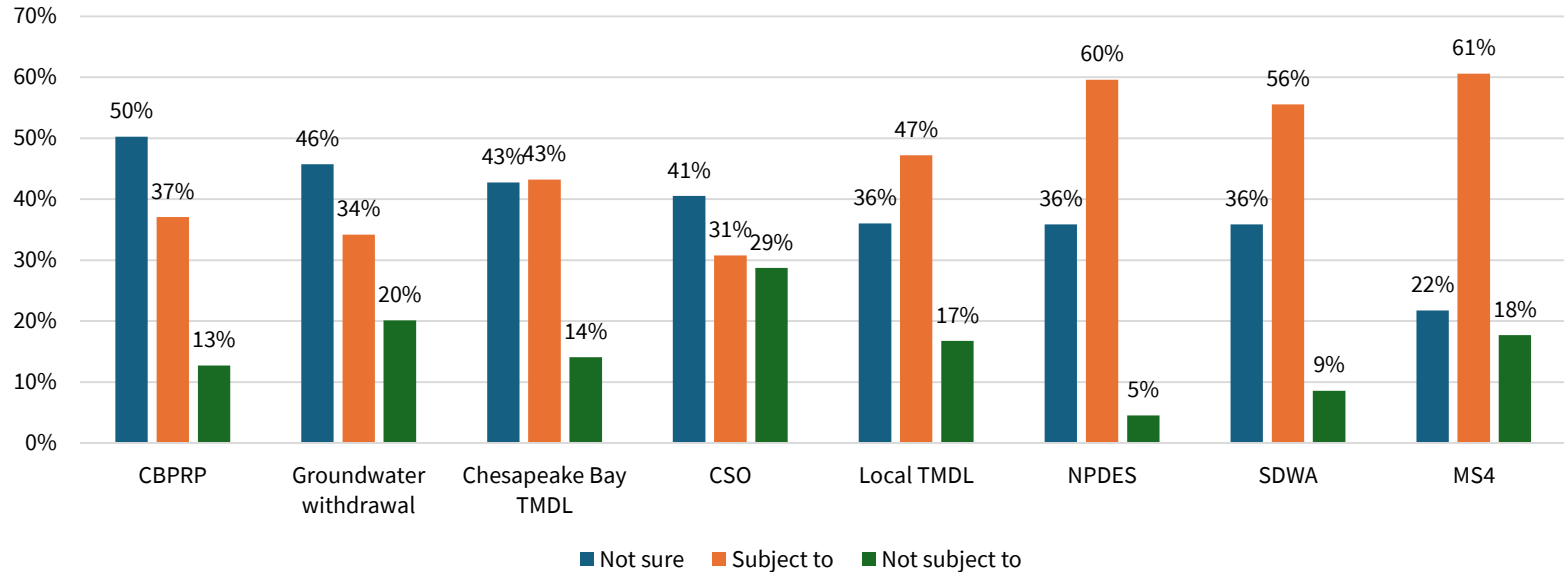
- Understanding of regulations was lowest for officials with less than 2 years experience and highest for those with 11+ years experience.
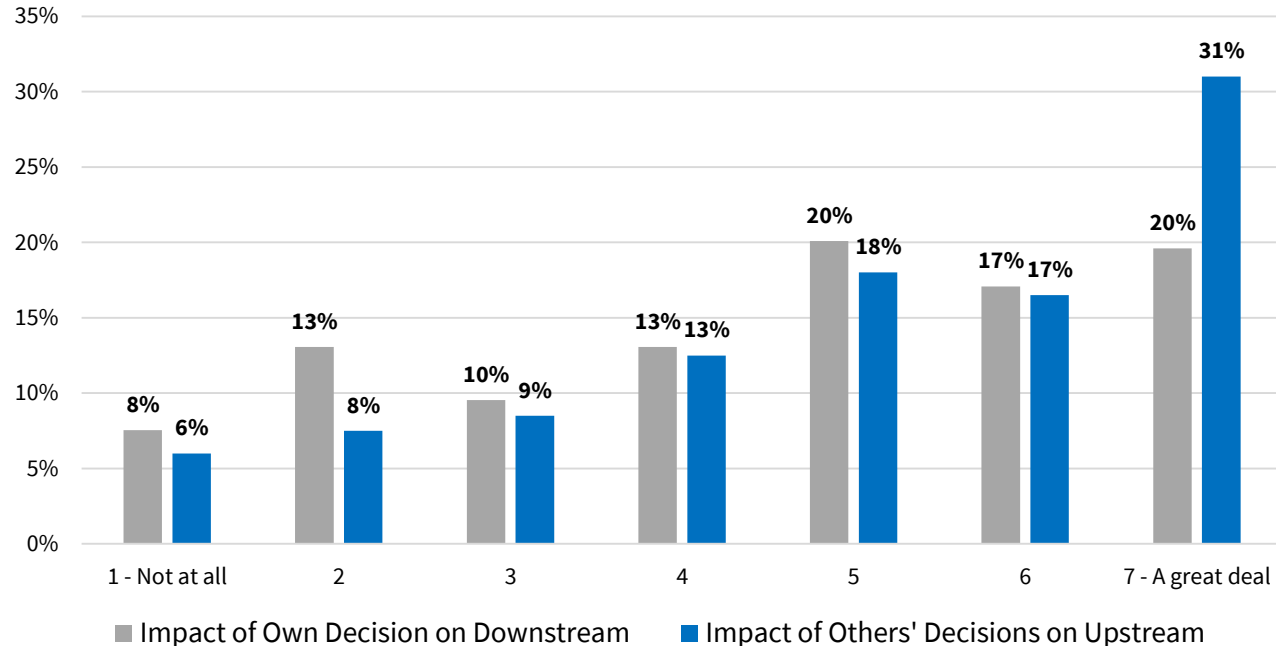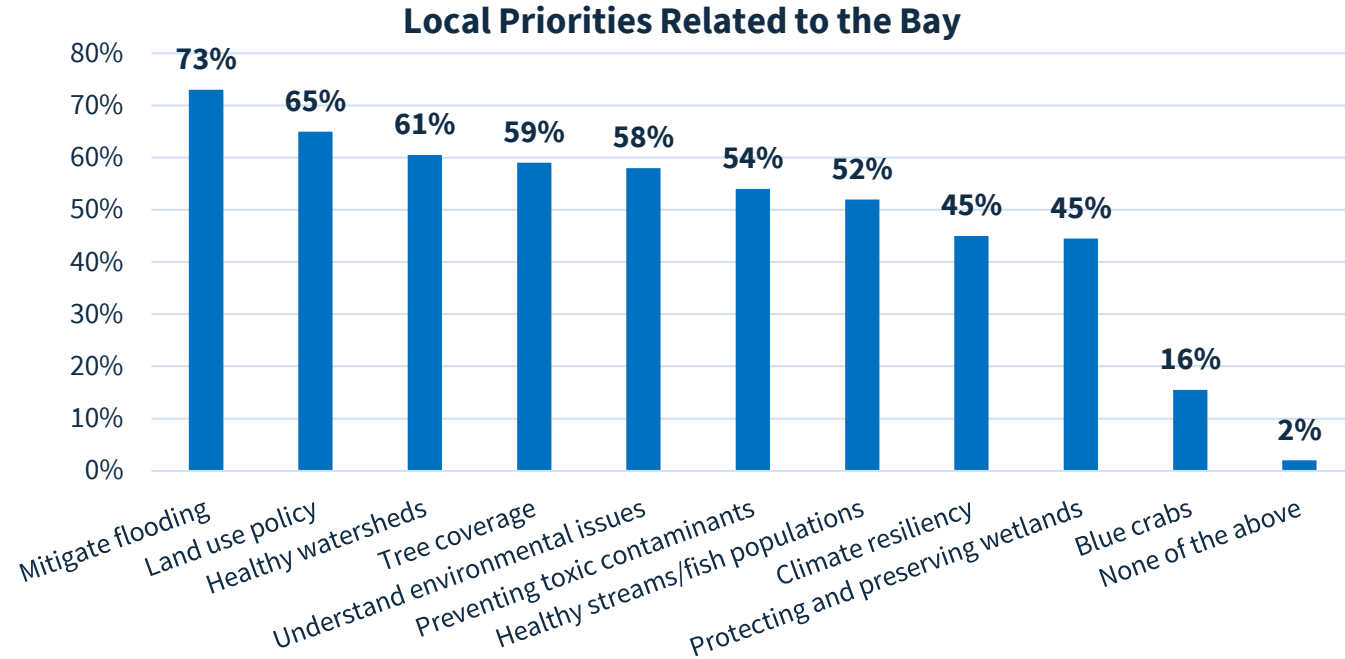
Local Leadership Survey – Key Takeaways

- Half (50%) think about downstream communities when making policy decisions. Respondents were more inclined to see others' decisions impacting their own communities vs. their decisions impacting other communities.

Perceived Impact of Decisions

Rating	Impact of Own Decision on Downstream	Impact of Others' Decisions on Upstream
1 - Not at all	8%	6%
2	13%	8%
3	10%	9%
4	13%	13%
5	20%	18%
6	17%	17%
7 - A great deal	20%	31%

■ Impact of Own Decision on Downstream   ■ Impact of Others' Decisions on Upstream

Local Leadership Survey – Key Takeaways

- Mitigating flooding **remained** as a top local priority to water resources.

Local Priorities Related to the Bay

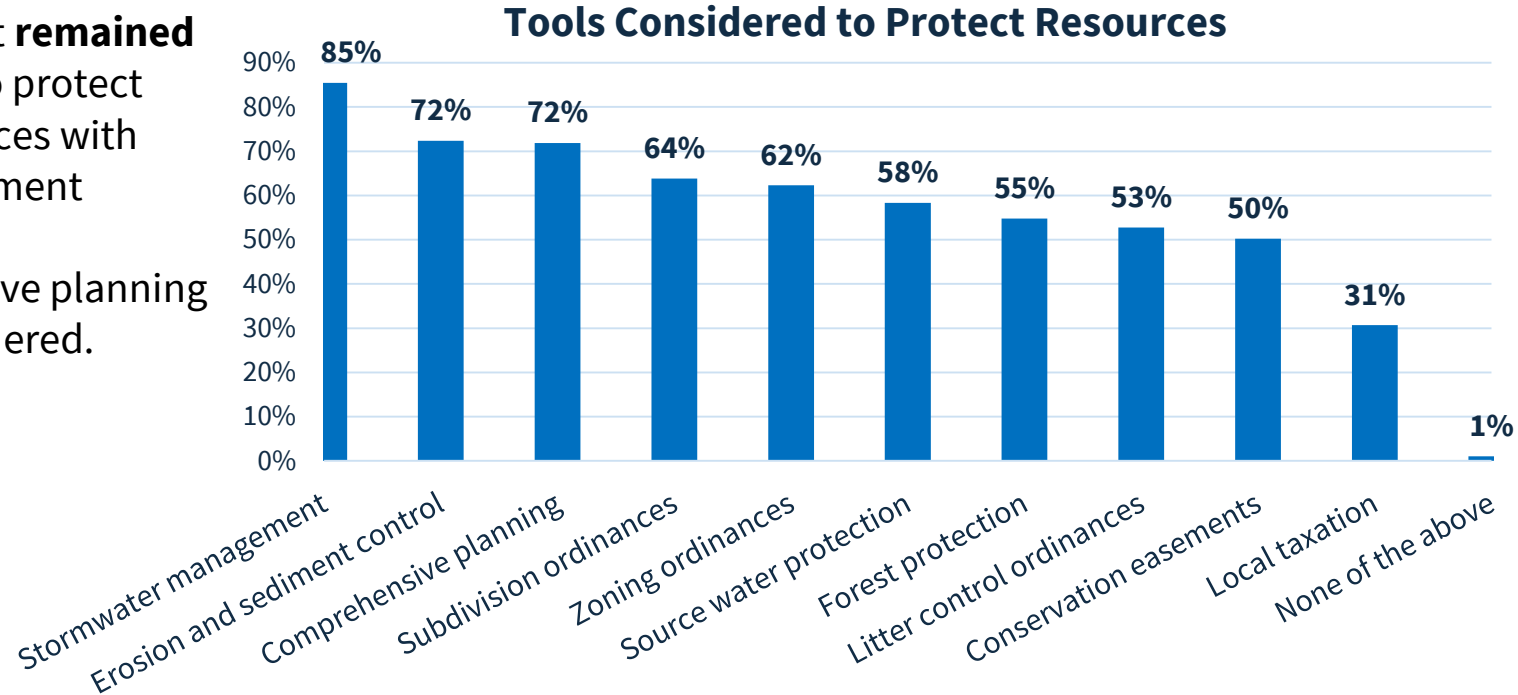| Priority	Percentage
Mitigate flooding	73%
Land use policy	65%
Healthy watersheds	61%
Tree coverage	59%
Understand environmental issues	58%
Preventing toxic contaminants	54%
Healthy streams/fish populations	52%
Climate resiliency	45%
Protecting and preserving wetlands	45%
Blue crabs	16%
None of the above	2%

Local Leadership Survey – Key Takeaways

- **Majority** say they have a contact person to consult for more information on water resources or how to implement environmental policy.
  - Highest reporting of "NO" was from local officials with less than 3,000 residents
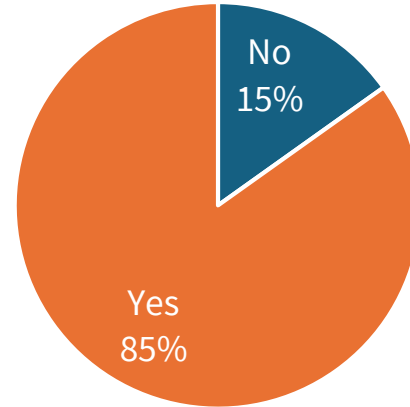
Question 15: If you had a question about water resources or how best to implement environmental policy, do you have a knowledgeable person or source you could go to for assistance?
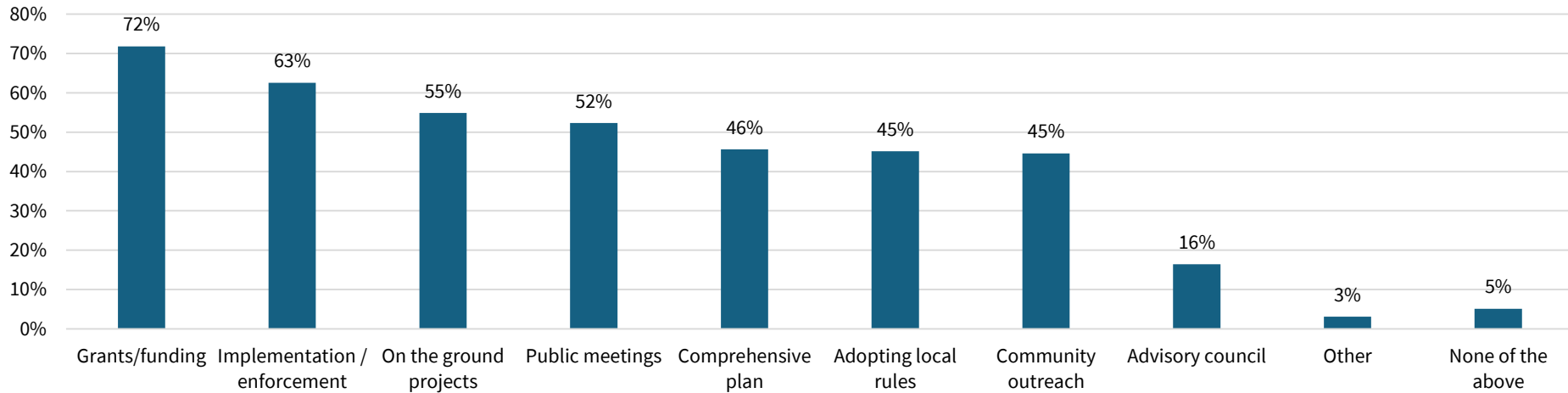
Local Leadership Survey – Key Takeaways

● Stormwater management **remained** as key tool to protect water resources with erosion/sediment control and comprehensive planning highly considered.

Tools Considered to Protect Resources

Tool	Percentage
Stormwater management	85%
Erosion and sediment control	72%
Comprehensive planning	72%
Subdivision ordinances	64%
Zoning ordinances	62%
Source water protection	58%
Forest protection	55%
Litter control ordinances	53%
Conservation easements	50%
Local taxation	31%
None of the above	1%

Local Leadership Survey – Key Takeaways

Actions Taken

- Almost all respondents (95%) reported taking actions related to water resources.

Local Leadership Survey – Key Takeaways

- Smaller communities (especially those with fewer than 10,000 residents) **remained** lower in using tools, taking fewer actions, not understanding regulations as well, and lower knowledge scores.

- Officials in office longer (11+ years) **continued** to report less uncertainty about whether various federal regulations apply to their communities and higher understanding of state regulations.

DC Peer to Peer Tour

Facilitating Equitable Access to Greenspace

DC Peer to Peer
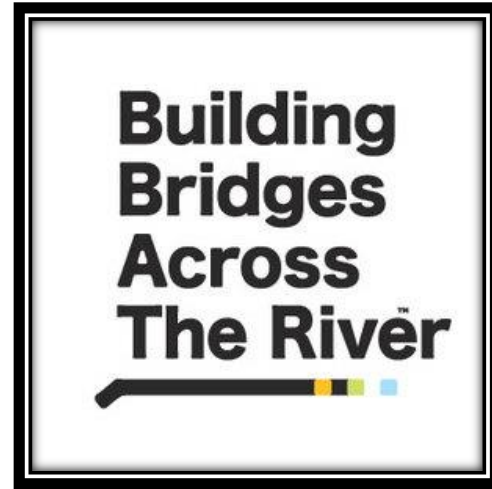
P2Ps in all watershed jurisdictions!

Thank you!

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