



Chesapeake Bay Program
Science. Restoration. Partnership.

August 20, 2024

Local Leadership Workgroup

Summer Quarterly Meeting

We'll begin at 9:30 am

Meeting Goals

- How can local governments address toxic pollutants through water resource improvement projects and policies?
- Identify educational resources, technical assistance and funding
- Networking with colleagues from around the watershed

Agenda

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Updates &
Announcements

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Technical Assistance to
Brownfields Communities

***Jennifer Reitz**, Policy Scientist,
University of Delaware, Institute for Public
Administration*

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Supporting Local Governments in Addressing
Forever Chemicals - Panel Discussion

***Todd Keyser**, Hydrologist, Delaware
Department of Natural Resources and
Environmental Control (DNREC)*

***Mark Richards**, Watershed Programs Team
Lead, Virginia Department of Environmental
Quality (DEQ)*

***Dev Murali**, Toxic Substances, Division
Department of Energy & Environment District
of Columbia (DOEE)*

***Nony Howell**, Wastewater Pollution Prevention
and Reclamation Program Manager, Maryland
Department of the Environment (MDE)*

***Dee Settler**, Water Supply Deputy Program Manager,
Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)*

Updates & Announcements

Local Leadership Logic & Action Plan

- On track or complete – 14 actions ●
- Risk of Getting Off-Track – 0 actions ●
- Off Track – 0 actions ●

Our current work plan
ends in February 2025

Local Leadership Survey

Key findings:

- Half of respondents (50%) reported thinking about the Bay when making policy decisions. Stormwater management remained the issue most often associated with the Bay, with mitigating flooding also remaining as the top local priority. Protecting water resources and the Bay was again associated with increased quality of life.
- Majority (85%) say they have a contact person to consult for more information on water resources or how to implement environmental policy.
- Respondents would consider an average of 6 tools to protect water resources, with stormwater management (85%) and erosion/sediment control and comprehensive planning (both 72%) considered most often.
- Understanding of environmental rules and regulations at the local level remained high (vs. state or federal). Relatedly, more than four in ten were not sure whether their community was subject to four of eight federal regulations.
- Key watershed concepts were unknown to some with (24%) not knowing every community is part of a watershed or that watersheds are specific geographic areas (27%).
- 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.

Beyond 2025 Update



- How to submit: Feedback will be accepted via email to: comments@chesapeakebay.net
- When to submit: Now through 11:59 p.m. ET on Friday, August 30, 2024.
- To help ensure your feedback is reviewed in the most efficient and effective way possible, they are asking that you group your comments using five categories:
 1. Science
 2. Restoration and Conservation
 3. Partnership
 4. Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.
 5. Miscellaneous.

Beyond 2025 Draft Steering Committee Report ([Link](#))| Beyond 2025 Report FAQ ([Link](#))

Spotlight - Clean Water Roundtables



Lancaster, PA



Chesapeake,
VA

Upcoming Events

- MD Municipal League Summer Conference: June 23-26 ([Link](#))
- Municipal Leadership Summit (PML, PSATC, PCFCA): Oct. 10-13 ([Link](#))
- PSAB Fall Leadership Conference: Oct. 11-13 ([Link](#))
- VA Municipal League Annual Conference: Oct 13-15 ([Link](#))
- VA Association of Counties Annual Conference: Nov. 10-12 ([Link](#))
- National League of Cities City Summit: Nov. 13-16 ([Link](#))
- Sustainable PA Annual Conference: Nov. 20-22 ([Link](#))

Resource Library

- Climate Smart Communities Initiative ([Link](#))
- STAC - “Report in Brief for the Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response (CESR) ([Link](#))
- National Rural Water Association ([Link](#))
- Local Infrastructure Hub ([Link](#))
- EPA’s Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program ([Link](#))
- Blog Highlighting the Delmarva Peer to Peer Tour ([Link](#))
- Protect Local Waterways ([Link](#))

Wrap-up

- Key Takeaways
- Action items (if necessary)
- Interest in Vice-Chair
- Next meeting:
 - November 12, 2024 - Virtual