

## **PROPOSED DRAFT OUTCOME LANGUAGE:**

Continually increase the knowledge and capacity of local government leaders to empower them to make decisions and implement local actions that support the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.

## **EXISTING 2014 AGREEMENT OUTCOME LANGUAGE:**

Continually increase the knowledge and capacity of local officials on issues related to water resources and in the implementation of economic and policy incentives that will support local conservation actions.

| PROPOSED TARGET  | New Target /<br>Update of<br>Existing<br>Target | Date<br>estimate for<br>target being<br>developed |
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| <b>Increase the percentage of local government leaders reporting water resource management actions biennially.</b> | Update of<br>Existing Target                    | 2025  |

Possible alternative Targets:

- Directly engage with # local government leaders through training and education opportunities annually. (New Target | 2026)
- Indirectly engage with # local government leaders through online publications annually. (New Target | 2027)
- Support outcomes that have identified local government audiences in their management strategies and work plans in effectively engaging and educating local governments annually. (Update of Existing Target | 2026)

- Updated language:
  - Recognizes the critical role local governments play in the success of the Watershed Agreement and respects local decision making.
  - Positions the LLWG to support the Partnership in effectively engaging and educating local governments
- Data collection and tracking processes to support this target are already in place, with established baselines drawn from ongoing efforts of the Local Leadership Survey.
  - Baseline and progress were used to update the [Local Leadership Indicator on Chesapeake Progress](#).