



Backgrounder: Advisory Committees October 4, 2016

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair: Charlie Stek, President and CEO, Environmental Stewardship Strategies

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) provides advice to the Executive Council, the Principals' Staff Committee, Management Board and Action Teams in restoring and protecting the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers. The membership is broad-based with representatives from agricultural and homebuilding industries, business, conservation, environmental foundations, and civic groups. Since 1984, this group has provided a non-governmental perspective on the Bay cleanup effort and on how Bay Program policies and programs affect citizens who live and work in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. In 2001, CAC started its Young Delegates program to bring younger voices into the CAC dialogue. CAC wanted to hear perspectives from the next generation of watershed stewards who may be impacted by decisions made today that affect the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers in the long term. Representing each of the Bay Agreement signatory jurisdictions, the 4 non-voting delegates attend and participate in all CAC functions.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair: Brianne Nadeau, Councilmember, District of Columbia

The Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) is a body of officials appointed by the Governors of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia to improve the role of local governments in bay restoration efforts and develop strategies to broaden local government participation in the Chesapeake Bay Program. Since its creation in 1988, LGAC has actively supported local government participation in the Chesapeake Bay Program. Quarterly meetings of LGAC provide the forum for policy development and periodic adjustment to programming functions and organizational direction. Improving communication, supplying technical assistance to local governments, and providing a local government perspective on policy development within the greater Chesapeake Bay Program are the chief means by which LGAC works to enhance the participation of local governments in the Bay restoration effort.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair: Lisa Wainger, Research Professor, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, Chesapeake Biological Lab

The Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) provides scientific and technical guidance to the Chesapeake Bay Program on measures to restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay. This guidance includes identification, prioritization, coordination, evaluation, and communication of issues and findings to the CBP, the broader community, and STAC itself (as they represent the science community). STAC's value lies in its ability to garner the expertise needed to respond with expertise and guidance on particular issues as well as its ability to assess priority areas that require longer-term vision and research. Historically, STAC has also fostered open, collegial lines of communication between Bay researchers and managers.