



**Local Government
Advisory Committee**
to the Chesapeake Executive Council



DRAFT Forum Agenda: Integrating Resilience into Local Planning **Thursday, September 29th, 2022 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Location: National Conservation Training Center (NCTC), 698 Conservation Way, Shepherdstown, WV 25443

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This meeting will be recorded for accuracy of meeting notes.

Meeting Goal: By the end of the day, we will have specific recommendations to provide to the Chesapeake Bay Program leadership for their consideration and action for thoughtfully identifying and addressing the highest priority local government needs for integrating and accelerating the development and implementation of local resilience plans.

10:00 am	Welcome/Introductions	Jasmine Gore, Chair Local Government Advisory Committee
10:15 am	Workshop Overview/Purpose	Jennifer Starr Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
10:20 am	Problem Statement Discussion	Jennifer Starr Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

DRAFT Problem Statement:

Local governments face increasing pressure to ensure the safety and health of residents, businesses, infrastructure, and the natural environment in the midst of a changing climate. The development, funding, and implementation of actionable resilience plans are key to the success of building this local resilience. However, there are persistent barriers to achieving this success, including staff capacity limitations, lack of funding clarity, and unclear paths to resilience plan implementation. Addressing these targeted, persistent barriers can catalyze the success of these local resilience efforts.

10:35 am	Assumptions Review	JaLeesa Tate Tetra Tech
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- Budget constraints challenge local governments to implement resilience-based actions given competing needs now and in the foreseeable future.
- There are challenges with local capacity and adequate resources to address problems related to resilience.
- State policies, funding, and technical assistance and expertise vary across the watershed. When these resources are available they may be unknown or complex, creating additional barriers for local governments to access the resources.
- Collaborative local government planning will result in a more effective, actionable, robust, and comprehensive effort.
- Promoting effective communication, collaboration, and cooperation for resilience planning and financing across the watershed will aid in these efforts.
- Successful local resilience plans consider local conditions, needs, and capacity. However, they share some attributes that are scalable from small, rural communities to larger, metropolitan ones.
- Successful resilience plans include an implementation component that incorporates both short-, medium-, and long-term actions and investments.

- Federal infrastructure funding offers a unique opportunity to invest in resilience, especially if future conditions are included in the design of projects.
- Currently required plans including floodplain management plans, regional transportation long-range plans, and community economic development strategies, need to be integrated into resilience and hazard mitigation planning efforts to ensure a comprehensive approach to community development and resilience.

10:55 am Break

11:10 am Resilience Plans Examples

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| • Hampton Roads PDC | Ben MacFarlane, Senior Regional Planner <i>(invited)</i> |
| • Cumberland County | Jean Foschi, County Commissioner <i>(invited)</i> |
| • Baltimore Disaster Preparedness | Aubrey Germ, Climate & Resilience Planner <i>(invited)</i> |

12:10 pm Lunch

1:10 pm Barriers and Recommendations to Resilience Planning Breakout Discussions

- **In-Person**
 - Building buy-in and momentum to embark on the planning process
 - Carrying out the Planning Process
 - Implementing the Plan
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2:45 pm Break

3:00 pm Highlights of Discussions	JaLeesa Tate Tetra Tech
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3:45 pm Final Remarks and Next Steps	JaLeesa Tate Tetra Tech
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4:00 pm Adjourn