

# Local Government Advisory Committee 6 years in review + Looking into the future

#### LGAC Members and Staff Accomplishments between 2014 and 2019

- Active participant in CBP Goal Implementation Teams (GITs) and workgroups (WQ, SW, Healthy Watersheds, Land Use)
- Active coordination of the Local Leadership Workgroup
- Active coordination with CAC and STAC where there are overlaps
- Active participant in STAC workshops
  - o Ditch
  - o Optimization (participant and follow up)
  - o Fish Habitat (Steering Committee)
- Convened Forums and Roundtables
  - o Annual NFWF Local Government Forum
    - Comm Training (2013)
    - Monitoring (2014)
    - GI Streamlining (2016)
    - Growth Management (2017)
    - Staffing Gaps (2018)
    - Workforce Development with Green Infrastructure (2019)
  - o Virginia (VEE) Roundtables (2018-2019)
  - o Pennsylvania (Growing Greener PA DEP) Roundtables (2014-2018)
- Coordinate panels at PSATS, PSATC, PSAB, MACo, MML, VML
- Published a number of articles in Bay Journal and Local Government edition
- Environmental Finance Symposium; CLA Study (Pay for Success)
- Local Government Engagement Initiative (LGEI) (2016-2018)
- Launched the Peer-to-Peer Learning Exchange bus tour (2019)

#### **Annual Recommendations to the Executive Council**

2013	<ol> <li>Funding for watershed protection and restoration is inadequate.</li> <li>Communications with local governments must improve.</li> <li>Headwater states should be represented in Advisory Committees.</li> </ol>
2014	<ol> <li>Support local contractor training programs.</li> <li>Target job training dollars to emerging restoration and protection industries.</li> <li>Adequately staff environmental programs.</li> <li>Develop and communicate protocols for local governments, conservation districts, or other responsible parties to report, track and verify BMPs.</li> </ol>
2015	<ol> <li>Enhance communication.</li> <li>Align priorities strategically.</li> <li>Convene a Watershed-wide Symposium on Financing.</li> </ol>
2016	<ol> <li>Increase resources dedicated to implementation.</li> <li>Speak out on behalf of Clean Water.</li> <li>Ensure vertical alignment of priorities.</li> </ol>
2017	<ol> <li>Continue to support local government engagement efforts</li> <li>Increase the access to Technical Assistance</li> </ol>
2018	<ol> <li>Continue focus on better engaging local government</li> <li>Provide the tools and resources local governments need to succeed</li> </ol>
2019	<ol> <li>Support a one day summit of flood, climate and disaster experts</li> <li>Including a FEMA representative on Management Board</li> <li>Federal, state and local governments align their interests, prioritize efforts, and invest funds strategically and collaboratively</li> <li>LGAC semi-annual meetings with Governors/Mayor</li> </ol>

## Looking ahead into 2020 and beyond: Discussion with LGAC Members

### Useful to think about LGAC's impact:

Does anything come from LGAC recommendations?

What is LGAC's leverage/sweet spot?

Where should LGAC focus in 2020?