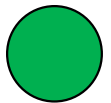
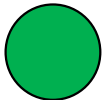
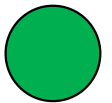


# Local Leadership Workgroup

Updates for GIT 6 – December 2021

# Goal Implementation Team (GIT) Funding Projects

- *Implementation Support for Local Watershed Education and Capacity Building*
  - Support for rolling out the educational modules
  - Reached an estimated 1500 local government elected officials and staff in 2021
  - Wrapping up at the end of 2021
- *Planning for Clean Water: Local Government Workshops*
  - Phase I - Stakeholder Assessment is complete
  - Phase II – Workshops:
    - Six webinars in Jan – June 2022 with the MidAtlantic Planning Collaboration
    - Three half-day workshops at American Planning Association (APA) State Chapter Conferences in 2022
    - Session at National APA conference in 2023
- *A Local Government Guide to the Chesapeake Bay: Phase II*
  - Project is on track to be funded
  - RPF will go out in early 2022
  - Already working with web team on additional user research



# New Chair/Vice Chair



*Heidi Bonnaffon is Senior Environmental Planner for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG). She staffs COG's Chesapeake Bay & Water Resources Policy Committee, and leads COG's Community Engagement Campaign, utility outreach campaign. COG's membership includes the District of Columbia and its 23 surrounding cities and counties in suburban Maryland and northern Virginia. Ms. Bonnaffon is a member of the Local Leadership Work Group and the Communications Work Group. She tracks the work of the WQGIT. She holds a B.S. in Zoology and a M.S. in Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development, from University of Wisconsin-Madison.*



*Michelle Edwards is a Regional Planner with the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission in Virginia, where she has managed the planning district's environmental and natural resource programs for the past ten years. Her work at the Commission has included stormwater program development technical assistance, Chesapeake Bay WIP Phase II planning, local TMDL coordination, and development of the Backyard Rainscaping Program in cooperation with Friends of the Rappahannock and Master Gardeners. Michelle previously worked as an Environmental Planner with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and as a contractor for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Water. She holds a B.S. in Environmental Studies from Bucknell University, and a Masters of Public Affairs degree in Environmental Policy and Natural Resource Management from Indiana University. Additionally, she is an appointed member of the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Stakeholders Advisory Group.*

## Misc. Updates

- LLWG member and interested party survey → coming in December 2021!
- LLWG meeting dates, themes and format for 2022
  - Tuesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> – morning, virtual, theme TBD
  - Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> – all day, in-person, *A Local Government Guide to the Chesapeake Bay*
  - Tuesday August 30<sup>th</sup> – morning, virtual, theme TBD
  - Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup> – morning, virtual, two-year review

Thank you!