



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



Forum Agenda: Building Local Community Resilience Against Climate-Related Flooding **10:00 am - 4:00 pm, September 24, 2020**

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Meeting materials and handouts can be found on the meeting page below

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This meeting will be recorded for internal use.

Draft Problem Statement: *As communities face the increasing challenge of climate-related flooding, there is a growing need for local decision makers to harness additional support and resources necessary to effectively prepare for and manage local flooding impacts. Making the case to local, state and federal partners for funding actions tied to improving community resilience is paramount. Climate-related inequities need to be addressed as well as protection of social, economic, and infrastructure assets. Meeting water quantity challenges caused by flooding must be prioritized along with meeting water quality requirements. There is a cost to no action compared to securing resources to prepare for and better respond to flooding impacts.*

Meeting Goal: By the end of the day, we expect to have specific recommendations for thoughtfully addressing flooding to impacted communities throughout the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

10:00 a.m.	Welcome/Introductions	Ann Simonetti, Chair, Local Government Advisory Committee Eric Meyers, Co-Chair, CBP Climate Resiliency Workgroup
10:20 a.m.	Workshop Overview/Purpose	Jennifer Starr, Director of Local Government Initiatives Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
10:25 a.m.	Problem Statement Amendments and Agreement	Joanne Throwe, President Throwe Environmental, LLC
10:35 a.m.	Review Assumptions	Joanne Throwe

- The amount of research and modeling related to climate impacts is significant and recognized. Findings show increasing concern over dramatic and more frequent flooding, high tides and sea level rise.
- Local government planning for these climate impacts will result in a more efficient, actionable, cost-effective and comprehensive strategy.
- Partnerships are critical in helping many local governments to effectively address flooding by improving funding and capacity.
- Promoting collaboration and cooperation for climate planning and financing across the watershed will aid in this strategy.
- There is no one size fits all approach when it comes to flooding resilience as communities are all unique.
- Local economies and budgets are being challenged now and in the foreseeable future.
- Pursuing projects that provide climate flooding mitigation also provide water quality and natural resource benefits which is a wise use of limited resources. Tying these multiple benefits together are an important aspect that can lead to local support.
- Local capacity and adequate resources to address problems related to climate flooding resilience are extremely limited.

- State policies and assistance to address flooding vary across the watershed
- Promotion of regional partnerships and collaboration do occur and can be effective.

10:45 a.m. Innovative Case Studies: Discover what others have done

- *Community Capacity Building*-Hudson River, NY
- *Regional Collaboration*-Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, MD
- *Financing/Planning*-Anne Arundel County, MD
- *Local Ordinances* - Norfolk, VA
- *Comprehensive Effort*- South Wilmington, DE

Clif Staples
Jim Bass
Matt Johnston
Andria McClellan
Bryan Lennon

11:45 p.m. Lunch

12:15 p.m. Zoom Room Discussions

- Group 1 - Funding and Financing Gaps, Opportunities, and Resources
- Group 2 - Building Stronger Local and Regional Collaboration and Cooperation
- Group 3 - Needs Assessment/Ordinances
- Group 4 - Building Capacity/Technical Assistance
- Group 5 - Innovative Approaches
- Group 6 - Climate / Environmental Justice

1:30 p.m. Break

1:45 p.m. Report outs: Recommendations for Building Local Community Flooding Resilience

3:30 p.m. Summary of Recommendations and Next Steps

Joanne Throwe

4:00 p.m. Adjourn