



**Chesapeake Bay Program**  
*Science. Restoration. Partnership.*

June 6, 2025

# Local Leadership Workgroup

## Updates for LGAC

*Les Knapp, Chair*  
*Maura Christian, Vice Chair*

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# Local Leadership Outcome Revisions

- New Language:

*Continually increase the knowledge and capacity of local government leaders to empower them to make decisions and implement local actions that support the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.*

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# Local Leadership Outcome Revisions

- New Target:

*Increase the percentage of local government leaders reporting water resource management actions biennially.*

# May Quarterly Meeting

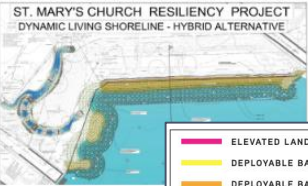



Theme: *Coastal and Shoreline Resilience for Local Governments*

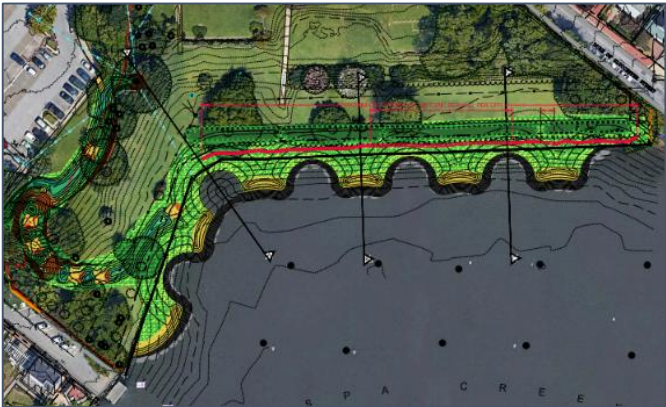


### St. Mary's Living Shoreline Project

**Background**  
The property on which St. Mary's Church and Rectory are located was given to the Redemptorists in 1852 by four granddaughters of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence, whose birthplace and long-time home is on the property. With its distinctive landscaping and buildings of historical importance, the property remains one of the signature parts of this historic city. However, with sea level rise and associated climate change impacts, this special place is at risk. The current wooden bulkhead already shows signs of erosion and failure from high tides, overtopping and waves. The effectiveness of the bulkhead will only worsen as its deterioration quickens with rising sea levels and a shoreline that is battered by increasing severity of storms. The church's commitment to environmental stewardship as well as the preservation of the land's history led them to pursue the installation of a living shoreline before important historic features are lost.

**Living Shoreline Project**  
St. Mary's Church, with funding from the Department of Natural Resources, has developed a living shoreline design to help protect this historic property as well as further strengthen the resiliency of surrounding landscapes. The proposed work includes removing a portion of the existing wooden bulkhead, grading the slope, bolstering the land with stone and native grasses, and installing a Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance to slowdown and treat stormwater. The living shoreline will become stronger and more resilient to changing environmental conditions over time. This dynamic practice can also adapt to rising sea levels and the erosive energy that comes with higher tides.









# 2025 Peer to Peer Bus Tours

*Virginia: April 10-11, 2025*

- *Thank you Andria, Jasmine, and Sheila!!*

*Pennsylvania: May 1-2, 2025*

- *Thank you Elizabeth and Marty!!*



# Exploring Virginia's Waterways

## Revitalization in Hopewell



## Utility Scale Solar in Prince George County





# Exploring Virginia's Waterways

Windsor Castle Park in Smithfield



Dinner w/ Special Guest





# Exploring Virginia's Waterways

## Innovative Water Treatment in



## Green Infrastructure at HRPDC





# Wandering Pennsylvania's Waterways

## Sustainability Initiatives in Carlisle



## Agriculture & Character Preservation in Wenksville





# Wandering Pennsylvania's Waterways

## Collaborating on Natural Resource Management in Michaux State Forest



## South Mountain Partnership & Greene Township





# Wandering Pennsylvania's Waterways

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Connecting w/ more State Representatives





# Wandering Pennsylvania's Waterways

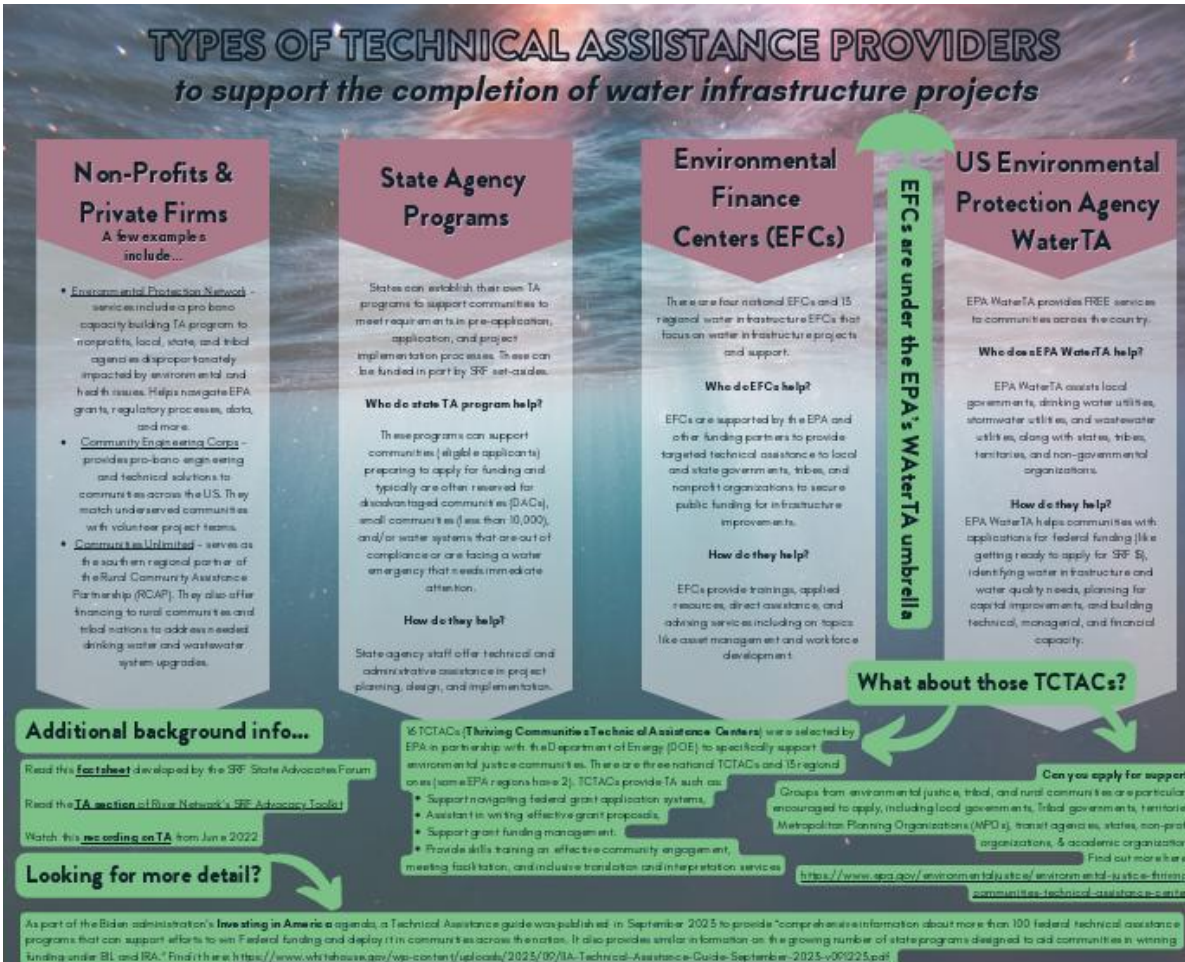
## Agricultural Best Management Practices in Adams County



## Growing through Partnerships at Buttonwood Nature Center







# Technical Assistance Inventory and Gap Analysis

*Thank you to Phil and Amy for serving on the Steering Committee!*