



Local Government Watershed Forums (A Growing Greener Project)

Project Duration: Four Years 2014 - 2017

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Delegation of the Local Government Advisory Committee to the Chesapeake Executive Council (LGAC), will host sixteen Local Government Watershed Forums in Pennsylvania's Chesapeake Bay Watershed between June 2014 and December 2017. The primary goal of the Local Government Watershed Forums is to increase the number of elected officials who serve as leaders in watershed protection and more specifically in the Chesapeake Bay restoration movement. This will be accomplished by holding roundtable discussions, exposing elected officials to existing leaders and facilitating peer-to-peer conversations.

After attending a Forum local government officials will better understand their role in watershed protection and restoration, including how local goals such as source water protection and regulatory compliance (MS4) can be aligned with local and regional community revitalization and watershed protection goals.

Topics to be addressed in the Forums will focus on topics of local importance such as:

- riparian forested buffer establishment and maintenance;
- the importance of collecting and verifying Best Management Practices (BMP) data;
- implementation of agricultural BMPs;
- increased implementation of stormwater BMPs; and
- repair and maintenance of implemented BMPs in MS4 communities.

The Forums will be coordinated and facilitated by Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay staff, including LGAC Coordinator, Mary Gattis. Members of the LGAC Pennsylvania delegation will serve as advisors on the project and as hosts for Forums.

If you are interested in attending a Forum in your region, contact LGAC Coordinator:

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