



Local Government Leadership Workgroup Quarterly Meeting

Growing Green: Local Land Use Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities

August 25, 2026
9:30-11:30 am

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Purpose:

- Identify land use and tree canopy resources that can support the knowledge and capacity of local officials
- Understand changes to the Chesapeake Bay Program's (CBP) Governance and Structure
- Discuss the draft Local Government Leadership Management Strategy

Agenda

- I. Welcome, Introductions, & Announcements** **9:30 am – 9:45 am**
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Maura Christian, VA DEQ/LGLW Chair, Caitlin Bolton, MWCOG/LGLW Vice-Chair & Laura Cattell Noll, LGLW Coordinator
Materials: LGLW Administrative Slides
- II. Summary of Land Use Changes Across the Watershed** **9:45 am - 10:05 am**
- High resolution land use data show changes over time to tree canopy in the watershed.
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Sarah McDonald, USGS
Materials: Presentation
- III. Tree Canopy Resources for Local Governments** **10:05 am - 10:25 am**
- An overview of plain language resources for communicating with local officials about the value of trees, changes in tree canopy over time and opportunities for expanding tree canopy.
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Katie Brownson, USFS
Materials: Presentation
- IV. Break** **10:25 am - 10:30 am**
- V. Overview of Changes to the CBP's Governance and Structure** **10:30 am - 10:40 am**
- A review of the changes to the Chesapeake Bay Program's Governance and Structure, with a focus on impacts to the Local Government Leadership Workgroup.
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Laura Cattell Noll, LGLW Coordinator
Materials: Presentation
- VI. DRAFT Local Government Leadership Management Strategy** **10:40 am - 11:20 am**
- A discussion on the draft Local Government Leadership Management Strategy.
- Requested Action: Pre-decisional
Lead: Maura Christian, VA DEQ/LGLW Chair and Caitlin Bolton, MWCOG/LGLW Vice-Chair
Materials: Presentation, DRAFT Local Government Leadership Management Strategy
- VII. Wrap-Up** **11:20 am – 11:30 am**
- Lead: Maura Christian, VA DEQ/LGLW Chair
- VIII. Adjourn** **11:30 am**
- Next Meeting:** November 19th 9:30am - 11:30am| Theme: Supporting Small Communities: Septic and Rural Wastewater Management Systems