



Local Government Leadership Workgroup Quarterly Meeting

Strengthening Local Solutions: Communicating Successes and Tailored Technical Assistance

May 21, 2026
9:30-11:30 am

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Purpose:

- Recognize successful stories of successful technical assistance to local governments
- Further identify the needs and challenges of local governments accessing technical assistance
- View the results of the Technical Assistance Inventory and Gap Analysis and develop ideas and strategies for sharing with LGLW networks.

Agenda

I. Welcome, Introductions, & Announcements (9:30 – 9:45)

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: Maura Christian, VA DEQ/LGLW Chair, Caitlin Bolton, MWCOG/LGLW Vice-Chair & Rick Mittler, LGLW Coordinator

Materials:

Presentation: LGLW Administrative Slides

II. EPA Real Water Technical Assistance (RealWaterTA) (9:45 – 10:20)

[RealWaterTA](#) helps communities stay in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act through infrastructure improvements and technical assistance. Hear success stories from EPA's technical assistance initiatives and learn about available support for local governments. Attendees will also have the opportunity to provide feedback and discuss local challenges and needs regarding EPA technical assistance programs.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: Laura Doody | US EPA | EPA Real Water TA Water Engineering Support initiative lead

Materials:

III. Technical Assistance Inventory and Gap Analysis (10:20 – 11:15)

Through Goal Implementation Team funding, the LGLW contracted with the Environmental Policy Innovation Center (EPIC) to document the landscape of free technical assistance available to local governments across the watershed. EPIC created a standardized inventory, identified gaps, and provided recommendations on how to fill gaps with limited resources. The session will highlight the results of this project.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead:

Materials:

IV. Wrap-Up (11:15 – 11:30)

Lead: Maura Christian, VA DEQ/LGLW Chair, Caitlin Bolton, MWCOG/LGLW Vice-Chair

V. Adjourn (11:30)

Next Meeting: Tuesday August 25, 2026, 9:30-11:30 am | Theme: *Growing Green: Local Land Use Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities*