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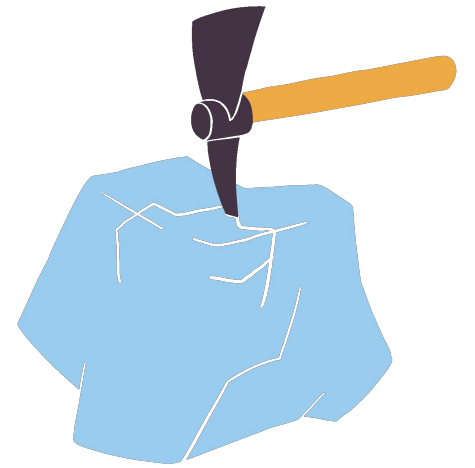
Local Government Leadership Workgroup QM

*Strengthening Local Solutions:
Communicating Successes and Tailored Technical Assistance*

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Icebreaker

1. **Share your Name and Organization/Agency**
2. **Select one question to answer in 20-seconds or less**
 - a. What is your local government network's biggest challenge with receiving TA?
 - b. How do you show appreciation for TA providers?
 - c. What is your favorite TA-related acronym?
 - d. What is your preferred mode of receiving or giving TA?
 - e. What is one training you went to that gave you an aha moment?



Agenda

- 1 Updates & Announcements
- 2 EPA Real Water Technical Assistance (RealWaterTA)
Laura Doody, EPA
- 3 Feedback Discussion
- 4 TA Inventory and Gap Analysis - Findings and Figures
- 5 Feedback Discussion
- 6 Wrap-up and Next Steps

Local Government Leadership

Outcome:

Increase knowledge and support the capacity of local government leaders in decision-making, such as land-use planning, to implement local actions that advance the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.

Targets:

Engage directly (e.g., roundtable discussions) with at least 400 local government leaders annually.

Engage indirectly (e.g., newsletters) with at least 4,000 local government leaders annually.

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*Land Use on the Shore:
Protecting Waterways and
Meeting Local Priorities*

32 Local Govt. Leaders

21 Jurisdictions Represented



Photo Credit Slides 4-9: alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

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**Stop 1: Local Government Planning
on Delmarva**



**Stop 2: Economic Development
through Downtown Revitalization**



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Stop 3: Agro-Tourism and Conservation



Stop 4: Comprehensive Green Infrastructure Planning



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Agricultural Land Preservation



Sustainable Growth and Energy



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**Steve Kline, Eastern Shore
Land Conservancy and
Delmarva Land and Litter
Collaborative**



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Future Wandering Waterways Tour

MML Summer Conference - Wandering Maryland's Waterways Bus Tour

June 14th | 3 Sites across Berlin, MD

PML Municipal Leadership Summit - Wandering Pennsylvania's Waterways Bus Tour

October 7th | Susquehanna and Derry Townships

Network Science TA w/ Local Concepts

Overview

Local governments are essential to the success of Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts. To ensure local government decision-makers have the resources, tools, and data needed to make informed decisions, the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) Partnership is dedicated to fostering meaningful engagement at the local level.

While every community is unique, this infographic maps out the networks, key groups, and strategies that empower effective engagement with local governments

This framework also champions the vital need for two-way communication, ensuring that resources, tools, and data are directly aligned with the needs and priorities of local governments.

Communication Network & Roles



Engagement Contacts

Key contacts for engaging stakeholders in communications for local decision makers

	Organization / Contact	Contact Person / Role	Phone	Email	Notes	Preferred Communication	Next Steps / Action Item	Last Contact	Notes
4	SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS								
5	U.S. Forest Service (USFS)								
6	United States Geological Survey (USGS)								
7	Chesapeake Bay Program								
8	Chesapeake Conservancy								
9	State Forestry / Environmental Agencies								
10	TRANSLATORS								
11	County Associations								
12	Municipal Leagues								
13	Local Government Leadership Workgroup								
14	State Agencies								
15	Professional Associations								
16	TRUSTED SOURCES								
17	Local Government Staff & Managers								
18	Planning Commissions								
19	Department Heads (Planning, Parks, Public Works)								
20	County Associations								
21	Local Government Advisory Committees								
22	REINFORCERS								
23	Community Organizations								
24	Environmental Nonprofits								
25	Business Groups								
26	Tree Planting Groups								
27	Local Coalitions								
28	Watershed Organizations								
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How to Use

Use the QR code to access the Engagement Contacts spreadsheet, then simply make a copy of the spreadsheet, and share it with your CBP partners asking them to add in specific contact information. It can be helpful to identify a point of contact(s) charged with sharing and updating the contact sheet. The CBP Partnership coordination group may need to help create customized messaging and/or meet with the subject matter experts, translators, trusted sources, and reinforces to help support messaging and delivery.



Thank you LGLW members **Caitlin B** and **Les K** and LGAC member **Elizabeth G** for your support!

Real Water Technical Assistance (RealWaterTA)



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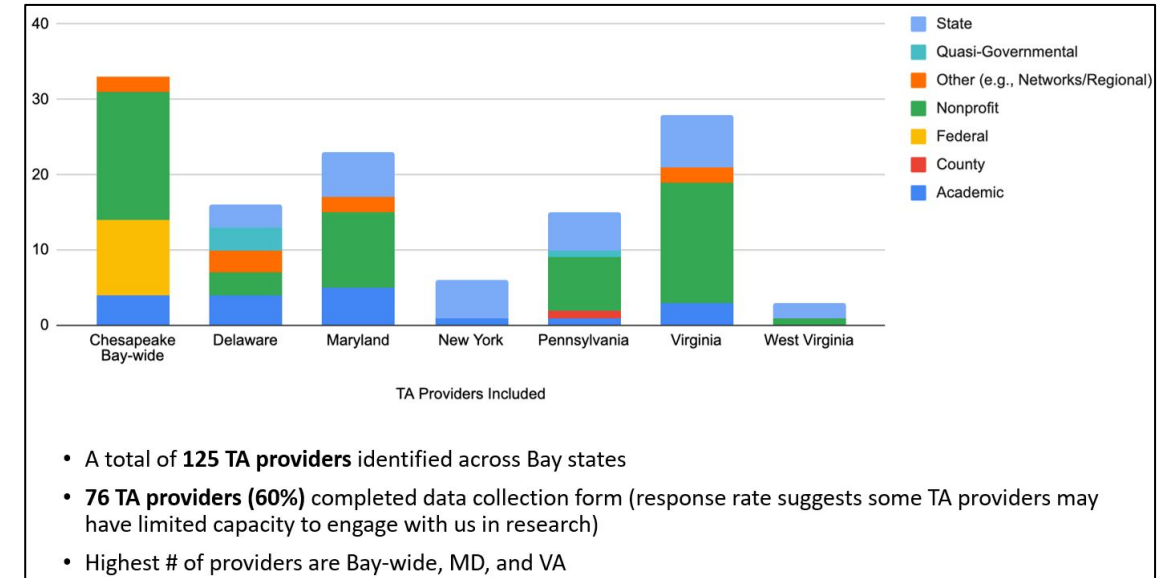
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TA Inventory & Gap Analysis Findings and Figures



Goal: Summarize the landscape of free technical assistance available to local governments across the watershed and identify strategies for sharing with LGLW networks.

TA Inventory & Gap Analysis Findings and Figures

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and Pam S

Thank you LGAC for your support! Phil

B, Amy D, and Laura CN

Wrap-Up

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