



**Chesapeake Bay Program**  
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# Local Leadership Workgroup Update

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# Agenda

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# November Quarterly Meeting

## Heidi Bonnaffon 2022 Highlights

- Local Leadership Survey
- Peer to peer tours in MD, VA, PA and DE



### Overview

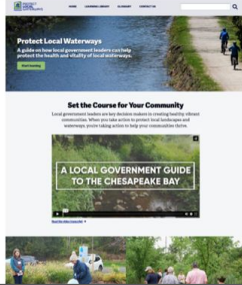
Baseline survey to measure understanding of local officials' knowledge and capacity. Survey consists of:

- Qualifying questions (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Q5)
- Definition questions (Q6, Q7, Q8)
- Behavioral questions (Q9, Q10, Q11, Q12)
- Knowledge questions (Q13, Q14, Q15)
- Capacity questions (Q16)
- Demographic questions (Q17, Q18, Q19)



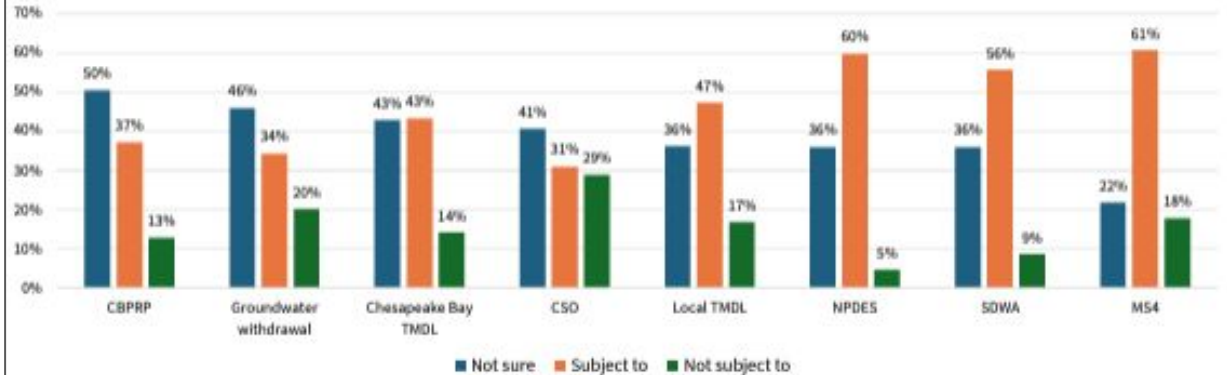
## Michelle Edwards 2023 Highlights

- Launched ProtectLocalWaterways.org!
- Local Government Guide to the Chesapeake Bay train-the-trainer
- 4 new Local Government Guide modules:
  - Flooding/resiliency
  - Agriculture
  - Outreach/community engagement
  - Environmental Health
- Planning for Clean Water webinar series
- Wandering Waterways expands to WVA & NY



## Key Takeaways – Regulation Understanding

### Rules Community is Subject to

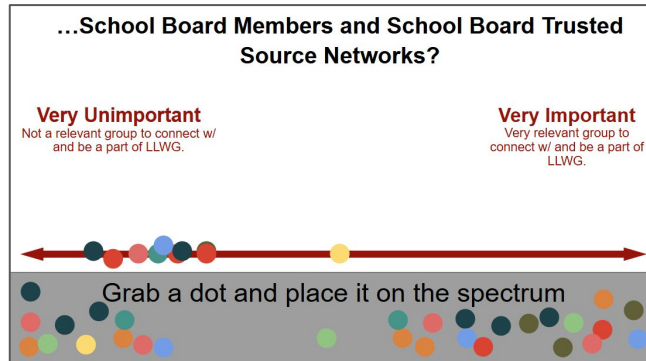
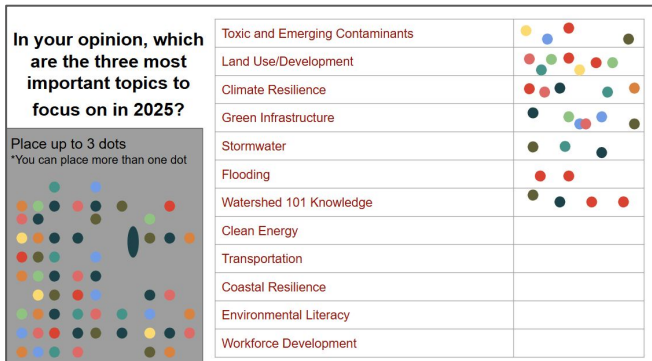
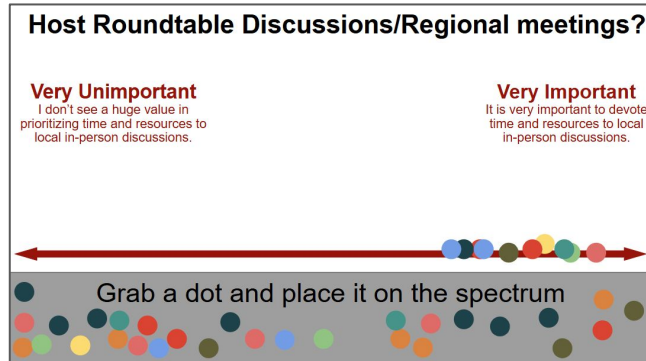
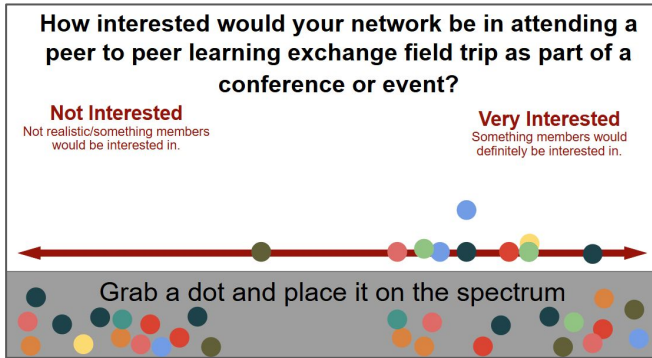


- Understanding of regulations was lowest for officials with less than 2 years experience and highest for those with 11+ years experience.

Former Chair  
Panel - *Past*

Local Leadership  
Survey - *Present*

# November Quarterly Meeting



## Workplan Feedback Exercise - Future

# Technical Assistance Inventory and Gap Analysis

## Scope #5 - Local Government Technical Assistance Inventory and Gap Analysis

Maximum Bid Amount of Scope #5: \$45,000

Timeline of Scope #5: 12 months

Purpose and Outcome of Scope #5: *This Scope will identify, assess, and inventory current local government assistance programs across the Chesapeake Bay region, conduct a gap analysis of the identified programs, and create recommendations to expand the programs to fill those gaps.* This project supports a need to expand local government technical assistance programs (e.g. The Delaware Grant Assistance Program, and West Virginia's Region 8 and 9 Planning and Development Councils) that was identified by the Local Government Advisory Committee's (LGAC) [2023 Annual Recommendations](#) to the Chesapeake Bay Program Executive Council. The overarching goal of this project is to provide detailed information on existing local government technical assistance programs, as well as the current gaps in the system, to empower decision makers at state and federal levels to more effectively focus limited resources to fill the gaps.

Stakeholder/Participants of Scope #5: Local Leadership Workgroup; Local Government Advisory Committee; Management Board and Principals' Staff committee members from the Watershed Agreement Signatories

Audience/End User of Scope #5: Local Leadership Workgroup; Local Government Advisory Committee; Management Board and Principals' Staff committee members from the Watershed Agreement Signatories

Key Tasks of Scope #5:

1. Identify and inventory existing local government technical assistance programs that align with the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement* outcomes.
2. Compile standardized information about each technical assistance program (geographic scope, funding source, types of local governments served, type of services offered, costs, and key watershed agreement outcomes the technical assistance addresses).
3. Define and analyze gaps (regions, types of local governments, types of services offered, watershed agreement outcomes covered) in existing technical assistance programs.
4. Recommend approach to fill gaps in technical assistance to local governments to drive increased implementation towards meeting watershed agreement outcomes.

**Looking for 2 LGAC  
Members to serve on  
the project's  
Steering Committee!**

# MB Request - Outcome Assessment

***"What advice do you have for the Management Board on how to consolidate, reduce, update, remove, replace or add new outcomes within your Cohort/GIT?"***

Current Local Leadership Outcome:

Continually increase the knowledge and capacity of local officials on issues related to water resources and in the implementation of economic and policy incentives that will support local conservation actions.

## Question to LGAC

1. What value is added by having the Local Leadership outcome?

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# Thank you!

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