



Zoom Access for Thursday, 9/4: [LINK](#) & Friday, 9/5: [LINK](#)

Meeting materials and handouts can be found by clicking on the meeting page below:

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Meeting Objectives:

- Understand regulatory barriers that hinder local government implementation of best management practices
- Identify opportunities to streamline processes and increase efficiency

Thursday, September 4, 2025:

10:00 am Call to Order

Marty Qually, Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) Chair

10:10 am Introductory Remarks: Why streamlining processes and increasing efficiency matters

Pennsylvania has significantly improved the efficiency of their permit review processes.

Members will hear why streamlining is important right now, how the Commonwealth has achieved efficiencies, and what opportunities exist for streamlining Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts.

Deputy Secretary Jill Whitcomb, PA Department of Environmental Protection

10:30 am Background: Key Takeaways from the CESR Report

In 2023, the [Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response \(CESR\) Report](#) suggested that current actions are not having the desired impact on water quality and that new strategies will be required to meet clean water and living resource goals.

Denice Wardrop, Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee Member

11:00 am Background: What regulatory barriers hinder local government implementation of BMPs?

Best management practice (BMP) experts will walk through the steps required to identify, design, fund, install, and maintain clean water practices, like a rain garden, stream restoration, or living shoreline. Along the way, they will identify barriers that hinder implementation.

Erik Michelsen, Anne Arundel County, MD

Justin Kauffman, HRG Inc.

12:00 pm Lunch Break

1:00 pm Panel: Opportunities to Streamline Processes for Local Governments

A pragmatic, solution-oriented panel discussion will explore opportunities to streamline processes for local government implementation of BMPs without compromising environmental standards.

Facilitator: Frank Dawson, MD LGAC Member

Panelists:

- *Becca Madsen, Environmental Policy Innovation Center*
- *Joseph Maroon, Stakeholders' Advisory Committee*
- *Mike LaSala, LandStudies*

2:30 pm **Discussion: Which of these streamlining opportunities balance the need for efficiency with the role of government oversight?**
LGAC members will discuss how local, state, and federal partners can streamline processes to more efficiently meet clean water goals.
Marty Qually, LGAC Chair

3:00 pm **Adjourn**

Friday, September 5, 2025:

9:00 am **Welcome**
Marty Qually, LGAC Chair

9:10 am **Business Meeting**

- Executive Committee Report (LGAC Chair and First Vice Chair)
- LGAC Coordinator's Report (Coordinator)
- Local Leadership Workgroup Report (LLWG Chair and Vice Chair)

9:45 am **Jurisdiction Meeting Report-Outs and Member Updates**

10:15 am **Chesapeake Bay Program Updates**
An overview of the process to revise the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*, including an update of the public feedback received this summer, and information about the Chesapeake Bay Program budget, including funding for the Advisory Committees.
Presenter: Deputy Director Khesha Reed, Chesapeake Bay Program

10:45 am **Small Group Discussions on Annual Recommendations**
In self-selected breakout groups, LGAC members will discuss annual recommendations around this year's three key priority topics.

- Revised Watershed Agreement Feedback
- Land Use and Conservation
- Regulatory Barriers and Streamlining Solutions

11:45 am **Final Thoughts/Actions from this Meeting**

- New Business
- Future Agenda Items
- Action Items from this meeting

12:00 pm **Adjourn**

Next LGAC Quarterly Meeting: Friday December 5, 2025 (virtual)

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