

Local Government Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting Agenda

September 24 - 25, 2026

Virtual

<u>Day 1: September 24</u> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Meeting Link: Register for the Meeting via Zoom Meeting ID: 897 1217 2583	<u>Day 2: September 25</u> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Meeting Link: Register for the Meeting via Zoom Meeting ID: 839 6257 4507
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Purpose & Meeting Objectives:

- Explore the past, present and possible future impacts of wastewater treatment on the Chesapeake Bay
- Understand emerging challenges in wastewater treatment and costs to local governments
- Discuss LGAC’s annual recommendations to the Chesapeake Executive Council

Agenda

Thursday September 24, 2026

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| I. Call to Order | 9:00 am – 9:10 am |
| Councilmember Hastings will welcome LGAC members and review the meeting objectives. | |
| Requested Action: Non-decisional | |
| Lead: Councilmember Josh Hastings, Local Government Advisory Committee Chair | |
| Materials: None | |
| II. Presentation: Overview of Wastewater Treatment | 9:10 am – 9:50 am |
| A history of wastewater treatment in the watershed including reductions of nutrients and sediments, costs of upgrades and maintenance, financial resources to support wastewater treatment and emerging issues. | |
| Requested Action: Non-decisional | |
| Lead: Lisa Ochsenhirt, AquaLaw | |
| Materials: Presentation | |
| III. Plenary Discussion with LGAC members | 9:50 am – 10:10 am |
| Requested Action: Non-decisional | |
| Facilitator: Councilmember Josh Hastings, Local Government Advisory Committee Chair | |
| Materials: None | |
| IV. Break | 10:10 am - 10:20 am |

- V. Case Study #1: Wastewater Infrastructure: Out of Sight, Out of Mind, Until it's Not** **10:20 am – 10:40 am**
A case study highlighting the challenges of aging infrastructure, ratepayer affordability and multi-jurisdictional collaboration.
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Dr. Matt Ries, DC Water
Materials: Presentation
- VI. Case Study #2: Allegany County, Maryland** **10:40 am – 11:00 am**
A case study highlighting the challenges of changing environmental conditions and hazard mitigation in the wastewater sector, concluding with lessons learned and future opportunities.
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Adam Patterson, Allegany County and Les Knapp, Maryland Department of the Environment
Materials: Presentation
- VII. Case Study #3: Land Application of Biosolids** **11:00 am – 11:20 am**
A case study highlighting the unique challenges of smaller, rural wastewater authorities, including land application of biosolids, concluding with lessons learned and future opportunities.
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: L. Jordan Combs, Maury Service Authority
Materials: Presentation
- VIII. Plenary Discussion with LGAC members** **11:20 am – 12:00 pm**
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
Facilitator: Councilmember Josh Hastings, Local Government Advisory Committee Chair
Materials: None
- IX. Adjourn** **12:00 pm**

Friday September 25, 2026

- X. Welcome** **9:00 am – 9:10 am**
Councilmember Hastings will welcome LGAC members and review the meeting objectives.
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Councilmember Hastings, Local Government Advisory Committee Chair
Materials: None
- XI. Jurisdiction Meeting Report-Outs, Goal Team Reports and Member Updates** **9:10 am – 9:30 am**
- Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: LGAC Vice Chairs
Materials: None
- XII. Business Meeting** **9:30 am – 10:00 am**
- Executive Committee Report (Chair and First Vice Chair)
 - LGAC Coordinator's Report (Coordinator)
 - Local Government Leadership Workgroup Report (Chair)

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Councilmember Hastings, Local Government Advisory Committee Chair
Materials: Presentations

XIII. Chesapeake Bay Program Updates 10:00 am – 10:20 am

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Khesha Reed, Chesapeake Bay Program Deputy Director
Materials: Presentation

XIV. Break 10:20 am - 10:30 am

XV. Plenary Discussion with LGAC Members 10:30 am – 10:50 am

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Councilmember Josh Hastings, LGAC Chair and Laura Cattell Noll, LGAC Coordinator
Materials: None

XVI. Breakout Discussions on Annual Recommendations 10:50 am - 11:40 am

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: LGAC Members
Materials: None

XVII. Wrap-Up 11:40 am – 12:00 pm

Review any new business, future agenda items, and action items from this meeting.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Councilmember Hastings, Local Government Advisory Committee Chair
Materials: Presentation

XVIII. Adjourn 12:00 pm

Next Meeting: Friday December 4th, 2026

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