



Chesapeake Bay Program
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Local Government Leadership Workgroup QM

Growing Green: Local Land Use Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities

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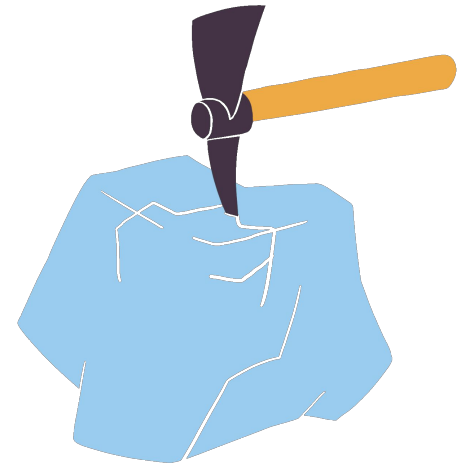
Meeting Objectives:



1. Identify land use and tree canopy resources that can support the knowledge and capacity of local officials
 2. Understand changes to the Chesapeake Bay Program's (CBP) Governance and Structure
 3. Discuss the draft Local Government Leadership Management Strategy
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Icebreaker

1. Share your Name and Organization/Agency
2. Choose one of the following questions to answer:
 - a. Favorite Tree Species (e.g. Flowering Dogwood, *Cornus florida* - You can provide common or botanical name)
 - b. Favorite park in the Watershed or within your community
 - c. How have you seen land use change within your community over the past 5- 10 years



Agenda

1 Updates & Announcements

2 *Summary of Land Use
Changes Across the Watershed*
Sarah McDonald, USGS

3 *Tree Canopy Resources for
Local Governments*
Katie Brownson, USFS

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Overview of Changes to the
CBP's Governance and
Structure

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DRAFT Local Government
Leadership Management
Strategy

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Wrap-up and Next Steps

Wandering Waterways Tour

MML Summer Conference - Wandering Maryland's Waterways Bus Tour

June 14th | 3 Sites across Berlin, MD



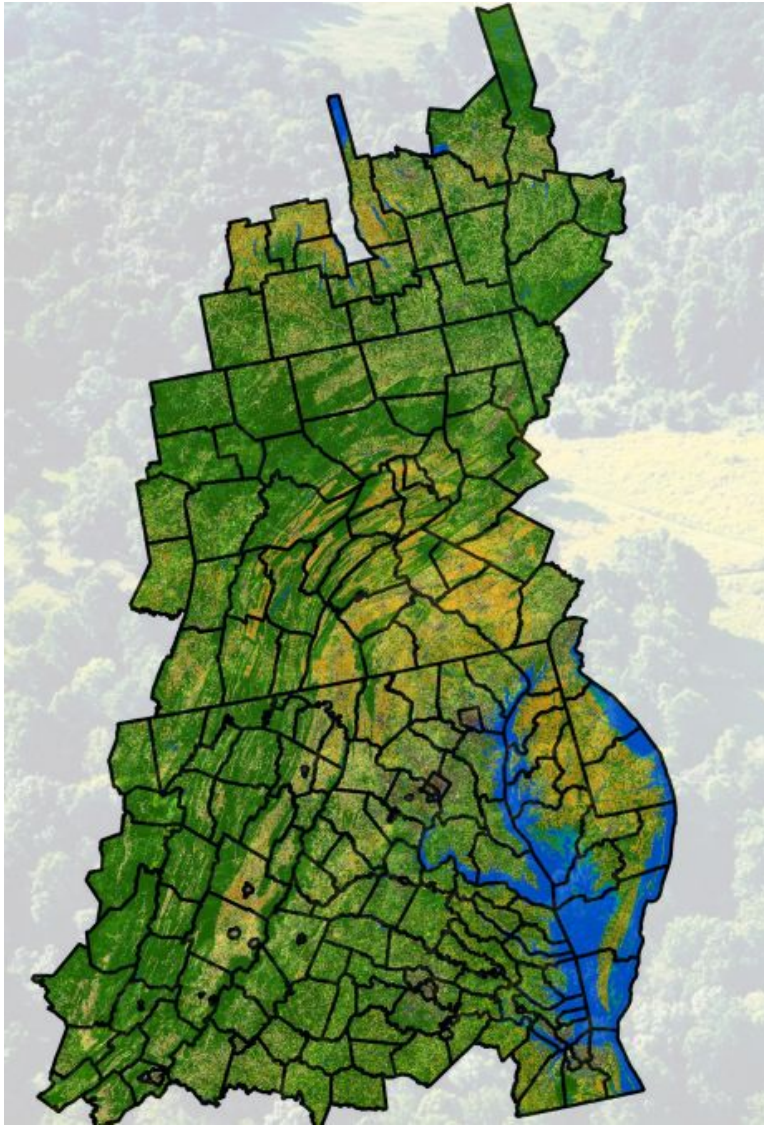
Future Wandering Waterways Tour

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

October 7th | Susquehanna and Derry Townships



Thank you Susquehanna Commissioner and LGAC Member Fred Faylona for hosting!



Summary of Land Use Changes Across the Watershed

U.S. Geological Survey



Tree Canopy Resources for Local Governments

U.S. Forest Service



Break

Meeting will resume at 10:30am

Wrap-Up

- Actions & Decisions & Next Steps:



Wrap-Up

- Key Takeaways
- Next Meeting: November 19th, 2026
 - 9:30-11:30am
 - Theme: Supporting Small Communities: Septic and Rural Wastewater Management Systems