



# Coordinator's Report

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# LGAC Annual Recommendations Process

## December Quarterly Meeting

- Federal/state updates
- Set priority topics for next year



## September Quarterly Meeting

- Discuss priority topic #3
- Discuss annual recommendations

## March Quarterly Meeting

- Discuss priority topic #1



## June Quarterly Meeting

- Discuss priority topic #2

# 2026 LGAC Meeting Dates and Themes

Date	Theme	Location
March 19th - 20th	Chesapeake Bay Program updates to governance, structure and management strategies	Gettysburg, PA
June 4th - 5th 9am - 12pm	Watershed Modeling and Monitoring	Virtual
Sept 24th - 25th	Agriculture Workshop Annual Recommendations	Delaware?
December 5th 9am - 12pm	State and Federal Updates	Virtual

# LGAC Communications

- Local Government Fact Sheet
- Watershed Currents Newsletter
  - 242 subscribers (11% increase from 2025)
  - 6 newsletters annually
  - Average open rate of 34.5% (industry average is 20-30%)
  - Average click rate of 8.1% (industry average is 2-5%)

# PSC Response to LGAC Letter

**LGAC Recommendation #1:** As the Chesapeake Bay Program begins to implement the revised Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, two of LGAC's comments on the draft Agreement are worth reiterating:

- Local governments need clarity on what is expected of them and when. By early 2027, state-specific expectations should be communicated to local governments via tailored materials that are delivered in partnership with trusted local government liaisons.

## **PSC Response:**

- The PSC commits to collaborating with LGAC members in their development of 1–2-page local government implementation fact sheets tailored for each of the seven jurisdictions in the Bay watershed.

# One Pagers for Local Govs. About Agreement

- Brainstormed what should be included with jurisdiction groups - done!
- Staff will draft overarching content that will be the same across all jurisdictions
- Staff will draft content that is specific to each jurisdiction
- LGAC members and jurisdiction representatives will have a chance to review and offer any edits/revisions
- Staff will turn finalized content into designed one-pagers
- LGAC members and jurisdiction representatives will have a chance to review and offer any edits/revisions
- Staff will finalize one-pagers

# LGAC Feedback on Governance and Management Framework

- Public Meetings vs. Private Meetings
  - Draw from existing state and federal guidelines for public meetings, including those related to a quorum of members
  - Be transparent about what topics are discussed in private meetings
    - Define ‘what should be closed?’ not ‘what should be open?’
    - Decisions should be made at public meetings
    - Private sessions should be rare
  - Meeting agendas should be available in advance (1-2 weeks) for accessibility. Meeting notes should be available after the meeting
  - Include public comment opportunities, best practice is at the beginning of the meeting
  - Notification to the public when input is sought

# LGAC Feedback on Governance and Management Framework

- Role of Advisory Committees
  - Two-way street of communication is an important part of the Advisory Committee's function
  - Advisory Committee priorities should be both reactive to what the Partnership is working on and proactive based on local government issues related to the Agreement
  - As advisors, LGAC members want to focus on providing advice, not making decisions (except LGAC decisions)
  - Time requirements to participate as non-voting members in Goal Teams to be defined, case by case involvement
  - Important for LGAC to coordinate with all levels of the partnership

# Miscellaneous Reminders

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- Volunteer Hours/Reimbursement Forms

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