



Local Government Advisory Committee

to the Chesapeake Executive Council

Local Government Advisory Committee Actions and Discussion December 1-2, 2022

<u>Call to Order: Greetings and Introductions</u>	LGAC Chair Jasmine Gore	Meeting called to order at 10:05 am
Local Welcome	Raytron White, Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority	Mr. White welcomed LGAC to Norfolk and shared the efforts within the housing authority to support redevelopment and community engagement on green infrastructure and coastal flooding challenges.
Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of September 2022 Minutes• Executive Committee Report (Chair)• Coordinator's Report (Coordinator)• <u>Local Leadership Workgroup Report (Chair)</u>		<p>Action: Motion to approve Minutes by R. Baugh, moved and seconded and all in favor.</p> <p>Chair discussed past quarter of meetings attended including the annual Executive Council meeting in DC where the LGAC recommendations were shared.</p> <p>Coordinator updated Members on staff activities including plans for 2023 quarterly meetings and yearly workplan.</p> <p>LLWG Chair shared efforts to create indicators of successfully achieving the local leadership outcome.</p>
<u>CAC Findings on Equitable Access to Grants</u>	Chuck Herrick, Chair of CAC Stewardship & Engagement Subcommittee	<p>CAC's Equitable Access to Grants report was presented. Discussion centered on simplifying the grant application requirements, supporting moving funders to a more local level, offering staffing support to complete and meet grant requirements and offer training in applying to ensure equity.</p> <p>Action: LGAC to support reports findings and share within networks.</p>
<u>Local Governments Collaborating for Resilience</u>	Ben McFarlane, Senior Regional Planner, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission	Innovative efforts by the Hampton Roads PDC were presented. LGAC discussion centered around flood insurance and around military installations and the role of resilience under DOD guidance.
<u>Norfolk's Green Infrastructure Plan</u>	Justin Shafer, Water Quality Project Manager, City of Norfolk	Multiple projects within Norfolk were covered prior to a walking/driving tour in the afternoon. Working with multiple partners has shown great success in funding practices.

<u>Addressing Barriers to Local Government Planning for Future Conditions</u>	Skip Stiles, Executive Director, Wetlands Watch	Wetlands Watch work to provide training to local decision makers including planning commissions was offered as a model to educate officials on zoning, permitting, comprehensive plans etc. A workforce development training effort to provide college students the opportunity to develop community support tools/plans was also shared as a model for replication.
Jurisdiction Meeting Report-Outs and Member Updates		<p>VA: Priorities for 2023 include supporting the customization of education modules by working with regional planning commissions, finding efforts to support workforce training and getting DoD more involved in local government.</p> <p>MD: Priorities include pivoting with the new Governor and the many newly elected officials plus jurisdiction leadership, supporting the 5 million trees initiative, and seeking solutions to address invasive species.</p> <p>PA: Priorities include a new Governor who is new to the Chesapeake watershed, government paying their fair share on stormwater, setting up a meeting with DNR, DEP and PENN DOT to discuss this challenge. Also discussed the conundrum of the Bay doing better causing the possibility of the drive to improve to decrease.</p> <p>DE: Priorities include understanding what other jurisdictions are going with the education modules, stressing workforce development opportunities to the Governor and Sec of Dept of Labor and finding opportunities to meet up with 5 communities to build relationships.</p> <p>DC: Priorities include transition with new city council members and educating the newly elected on bay issues and having an active DC LGAC representation.</p> <p>WV: Priorities include innovative projects for quality of life efforts that are supporting walking trails and parks and discussion on the summer 2023 peer to peer.</p> <p>Action: Invite Dept of Defence CBP staff participation at an upcoming LGAC Meeting.</p> <p>Action: Hold jurisdiction specific meetings at the March LGAC meeting.</p>
<u>Chesapeake Bay Program Update</u>	Carin Bisland, Branch Chief, Partnerships and	Discussion around the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● implementing EC recommendations and

	Accountability Branch, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office	<p>the role of the Governors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> workforce development and the GIT project to conduct a landscape assessment to include pathways 2025 and beyond and achieving the outcomes and goals plus determining how to address not meeting outcomes sharing ideas for the future role of the Advisory Committees, the partnership, who needs to be part of the conversation and what needs to be reimaged when it is valuable for LGAC to provide advice was debated The role of ACs in brainstorming looking beyond 2025 <p>Action: Provide LGAC support/involvement in CBP partnership discussions around getting to 2025 and beyond 2025.</p>
<u>Flooding and the Built Environment: Green Infrastructure, a Different Way of Building</u>	Dr. Jessica Whitehead, Executive Director, Institute for Coastal Adaptation and Resilience, Old Dominion University	This model looks at innovative tools to address flooding in the urban areas. Discussion centered on how to staff and fund infrastructure and stormwater projects.
<u>Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative: Connecting community-based water quality monitoring to local data use</u>	Liz Chudoba, Director, Water Quality Monitoring Initiative, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay	<p>Discussion centered around local water monitoring needs and how to balance Chesapeake Bay Program needs. Members suggest elected officials want local water data if there is a possibility of an acute health risk. Local routine monitoring is not a high priority for elected officials but is a priority for staff and an opportunity for students.</p> <p>Action: LGAC and Local Leadership Workgroup staff will work with Liz on making connections with localities.</p>
<u>2022 Local Government Forum Recommendations</u>	Jennifer Starr, Coordinator, LGAC	<p>The draft recommendations from the September 29 Local Government Forum were presented.</p> <p>Action: A motion to approve was made by Andria, seconded by Brianne and approved by all.</p>
<p>Final Thoughts/Actions from this Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Business Future Agenda Items Action Items from this meeting 		<p>New Business and Future Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce/supply chain/economic impacts Federal Update by Peter Marx (CCWC) AC collaborative partnerships:how do the ACs holistically engage Circuit Riders

LGAC Members Present: James Barnhart, Markus Batchelor, Richard Baugh, Patty Bubar, Daniel Chao, Jake Day, Mark Dobbins, Amy Dubois, Sheila Finlayson, Jasmine Gore, Penny Gross, Josh Hastings, Michael Helfrich, Donna Iannone, Leo Lutz, Andria McClellan, Brianne Nadeau, Don Phillips, Kelly Porter, Robin Rich-Coates, Lisa Schaefer, John Thomas, James Wheeler, Emeritus Member Phil Briddell, Emeritus Member Ann Simonetti, Emeritus Member Bruce Williams, and LGAC Staff: Ola-Imani Davis and Jennifer Starr

Speaker/Guests Present: Greg Barranco (EPA CBPO), Carin Bisland (EPA CBPO), Jessica Blackburn (Alliance), Heidi Bonnafon (Metro-Washington COG), Laura Cattell-Noll (Alliance), Liz Chudoba (Alliance), Megan Diehl (WV Region 9), KC Filippino (Hampton Roads PDC), Amy Handen (EPA), Chuck Herrick (CAC), Cara Johnson CRC), Alexa Malone (Alliance), Ben McFarlene (Hampton Roads PDC), Justin Shafer (City of Norfolk), Kathy Stecker (MDE), Phil Stafford (MD DNR), Skip Stiles (Wetlands Watch), Jim Sullivan (DE DNREC), Raytron White (Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority), Jessica Whitehead (Old Dominion U), Justin Williams (VA DEQ), Tree Zuzzio (PA DCED)