



<p><u>Call to Order: Greetings and Introductions</u></p>	<p>LGAC Chairperson Daniel Chao</p>	<p>Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.</p>
<p><u>Federal Update</u></p>	<p>Peter Marx, Federal Affairs Director, Choose Clean Water Coalition Contact: Peter@choosecleanwater.org</p>	<p>P. Marx shared an overview of what to expect from the incoming 119th Congress, summarized the status of relevant bills from the 118th Congress, and discussed recent federal appropriations for the Chesapeake Bay watershed.</p>
<p><u>Chesapeake Bay Program Updates</u></p>	<p>Khesha Reed, Deputy Director, CBP Contact: Reed.khesha@epa.gov</p> <p>Keith Bollt, Life Scientist, Chesapeake Bay Program Office Contact: Bollt.Keith@epa.gov</p>	<p>K. Reed shared details about the 2024 Chesapeake Executive Council Meeting, summarized decisions from the November Management Board retreat, and provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2024 Chesapeake Bay Program operating budget.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Details for the 2024 Chesapeake Executive Council Meeting are available on the meeting webpage. ● LGAC members are interested in providing feedback on the Chesapeake Bay Program’s updated grant guidelines.
<p>Jurisdiction Meeting Report-Outs and Member Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PA Report-Out: Michael Helfrich ● VA Report-Out: Richard Baugh ● NY Report-Out: Suzy Ryan ● MD Report-Out: Bruce Williams ● DC Report-Out: Brianne Nadeau ● DE Report-Out: Don Phillips ● WV Report-Out: Jim Barnhart 	<p>PA - The PA Delegation recapped their regional jurisdiction meeting with DEP Acting Secretary Jessica Shirley, DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn, and Ag Secretary Russell Redding. Attendees had a robust conversation around sandboxing, land use/land conservation, and expanded local government technical assistance.</p> <p>VA - The VA Delegation debriefed their regional jurisdiction meeting with Deputy Secretary Stefanie Taillon and staff from the Chesapeake Bay Commission, the Virginia Municipal League, and the Virginia Association of Counties. Attendees discussed sandboxing opportunities, the need for additional state funding for local government implementation, and how LGAC can weigh in on updates to the watershed agreement.</p>

		<p>There was also significant mutual interest in hosting more peer-to-peer tours for local officials and convening roundtable discussions for local leaders.</p> <p>NY - The NY Delegation held their first regional jurisdiction meeting where they shared their mutual interest in land conservation and discussed recent successes and challenges around upgrading wastewater treatment facilities.</p> <p>MD - The MD Delegation has scheduled their regional jurisdiction meeting with DNR Secretary Josh Kurtz for January, which will also include representatives from the other CBP Advisory Committees.</p> <p>DC - The DC Delegation recently hosted a peer-to-peer local official engagement tour in place of their regional jurisdiction meeting. This tour convened nine local elected officials from across the District to discuss community solutions for equitable access to greenspace.</p> <p>DE - The DE Delegation recently partnered with the Delaware League of Local Governments on a discussion around toxic contaminants. Delaware has a new administration starting in January so the DE Delegation plans to schedule their regional jurisdiction meeting at a later date next year.</p> <p>WV - Long-time member James Barnhart will be retiring from office and LGAC at the end of the year, so he has been working to identify a potential replacement for his position.</p>
<p>Business Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Executive Committee Report (Don Phillips, At Large Vice Chair & DE LGAC Member) ● Coordinator’s Report (LGAC Coordinator) ● Local Leadership Workgroup (LLWG) Report (Vice-Chair) 		<p>D. Chao shared that LGAC’s recommendations around Beyond 2025 were published as an op-ed in the Bay Journal this fall. LGAC’s 2024 annual recommendations and regional jurisdiction meetings have spurred a lot of conversation around land use and conservation.</p> <p>The LGAC Coordinator briefly recapped the Beyond 2025 process to date, provided the 2025 timeline for updating the Watershed Agreement, and shared the proposed dates and themes for LGAC’s 2025 Quarterly Meetings.</p>

		<p>The LLWG Coordinator recapped the Workgroup’s November quarterly meeting, solicited feedback from LGAC members around the Management Board’s Local Leadership Outcome assessment request, and shared upcoming leadership changes.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regarding LGAC’s 2024 annual recommendations, LGAC and staff will continue to engage with state and federal partners on the topic of land conservation and sandboxing. ● Regarding LGAC’s participation in Phase II of Beyond 2025, staff and LGAC leadership will review each of the outcomes in the Watershed Agreement to identify any overlap with LGAC. LGAC members will have multiple opportunities to weigh in on Phase II throughout 2025. ● Staff will share the 2025 LGAC Quarterly Meeting dates and locations.
<p>Final Thoughts/Actions from this Meeting</p>		<p>Staff shared action items from the meeting.</p> <p>LGAC will hold its next quarterly meeting on March 20-21, 2025 in Cambridge, MD.</p>

LGAC Members Present: James Barnhart, Richard Baugh, Emeritus Member Phil Briddell, Daniel Chao, Frank Dawson, Amy Dubois, Cindy Dyballa, Sheila Finlayson, Penny Gross, Josh Hastings, Michael Helfrich, Leo Lutz, Andria McClellan, Brianne Nadeau, Sheila Noll, Don Phillips, Marty Qually, Alternate Susan Ryan, John Thomas, and Emeritus Member Bruce Williams.

LGAC & LLWG Staff: Laura Cattell Noll, Kayli Ottomanelli, and Rick Mittler.

Speaker/Guests Present: Chris Bason, Jessica Blackburn (Alliance), Keith Bollt (EPA CBPO), Erin Chapman (EPA CBPO), Maura Christian (VA DEQ), Carrie Decker (MD DNR), Rachel Felver (Alliance), Kate Fritz (Alliance), Norm Goulet (NVRC), Emily Heller (EPA CBPO), James Hutzler (VACo), Les Knapp (MDE), Lisa Ochsenhirt (AquaLaw), Peter Marx (Choose Clean Water Coalition), Kevin McLean (VA DEQ), Martha Narvaez (UD), Erin Penzelik (PA DEP), Khesha Reed (EPA CBPO), Josephine Saikali (WV Region 9), Kristin Saunders (UMCES), Kathy Stecker (MDE), and James Sullivan (DNREC).