



Call to Order	LGAC Chair Marty Qually	Meeting called to order at 10:02 am
Big Picture: Changing land use is impacting natural resources	Deputy Secretary Dave Goshorn, MD Department of Natural Resources Contact: david.goshorn@maryland.gov	D. Goshorn provided introductory remarks about the Executive Council's charge to 'elevate conservation as a key pillar of the Chesapeake Bay Program.' He asked for LGAC's guidance on how to implement that charge while continuing to respect local land use authority.
Background: How and where is land use changing?	Peter Claggett, Research Geographer, US Geological Service Contact: pclaggett@usgs.gov	<p>P. Claggett provided an overview of the Chesapeake Bay Program's high resolution land use data, including trends around changes in land use. Across the watershed, forest cover is declining, while impervious surface is growing. Interpretation of the data at a local scale remains nuanced and needs to be verified by local experts. LGAC members highlighted the need for technical assistance to help local governments access and utilize this data</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• R. Felver shared an upcoming Chesapeake Bay Program Webinar about the high resolution land use data.
Background: Impacts of changing land use on natural resources and people	Silas Chamberlin, Chief Strategy Officer, York County Economic Alliance Contact: schamberlin@yceapa.org	S. Chamberlain provided a case study of how changing land use is impacting York County, PA. He focused on three areas: warehouses and freight management, attainable housing, and the outdoor recreation economy.
Background: What policy and planning tools currently exist?	Richard Hankins, Executive Director, Partnership for Smarter Growth Contact: richard@psgrichmond.org	<p>R. Hankins gave an overview of smart growth policies and planning tools, with a focus on how transportation infrastructure impacts development.</p> <p>LGAC members discussed the following barriers preventing local governments from implementing more smart growth policies: 1) lack of constituent knowledge and/or support, 2) lack of bold, visionary leadership, and 3) the timing of opportunities do not always align with timing of political will.</p>

<p>Panel: How can the Chesapeake Bay Program Support local land use decisions?</p>	<p>Facilitator: Richard Baugh, VA LGAC Member Contact: RBaugh@hooverpenrod.com</p> <p>Panelists: Sarah Stewart, Plan RVA Contact: SStewart@planrva.org</p> <p>Andrew Stine, Frederick County, MD Contact: ASTine@frederickcountymd.gov</p> <p>Elizabeth Grant, PA LGAC Member Contact: emgrant@cumberlandcountypa.gov</p> <p>Katie Brownson, US Forest Service Contact: Katherine.Brownson@usda.gov</p> <p>Chris Miller, Piedmont Environmental Council Contact: cmiller@pecva.org</p>	<p>Panelists from around the watershed discussed how local planning works in different states, and how state and federal partners can better support planning at the local level. S. Stewart, A. Stine, and E. Grant all emphasized how planning processes are unique to each state and provided examples of innovative approaches that local governments are utilizing. The panel wrapped up with a discussion of possible roles for state and federal partners within local planning. These possible roles include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More examples with lessons learned • ‘SWAT teams’ of planners to provide needed technical assistance • Training for planning commissioners • Providing model ordinances • Offering local governments a list of considerations for use when reviewing proposed development plans
<p><u>Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement Revisions</u></p>	<p>Keith Bollt, Life Scientist, Chesapeake Bay Program Office Contact: Bollt.Keith@epa.gov</p>	<p>K. Bollt provided an overview of the proposed changes to the goals and outcomes of the Watershed Agreement. He also summarized efforts to update the Chesapeake Bay Program’s structure and governance.</p>
<p>Discussion on Proposed Changes to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement</p>	<p>Marty Qually, LGAC Chair</p>	<p>LGAC members discussed the revised goals in the Watershed Agreement. On the whole, members felt the goals were easier to understand and were written in plainer language. LGAC is focused on several specific outcomes, but continues to see local government connections to all of the outcomes within the Agreement.</p> <p>Action: LGAC members will provide written feedback on the revised Watershed Agreement during the public feedback period this July-August, 2025.</p>
<p>Business Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee Report (Chair & First Vice Chair) • <u>Coordinator’s Report</u> (LGAC Coordinator) 		<p>LGAC Chair and First Vice Chair reported on the recent Management Board meetings, including a May 7th and 8th Management Board Retreat. M. Qually thanked D. Phillips for representing LGAC at a recent Principals’ Staff Committee meeting.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Leadership Workgroup (LLWG) Report (Chair) 		<p>LGAC Coordinator provided an overview of the Watershed Agreement revision process and proposed plans for the public feedback period this July-August, 2025. L. Cattell Noll also shared the Principals' Staff Committee's response letter to LGAC's 2024 Annual Recommendations. LGAC Staffer unveiled LGAC's new web pages.</p> <p>L. Knapp, the current LLWG Chair, reviewed recent workgroup activity, including spring peer-to-peer tours in Virginia and Pennsylvania, updates to the Local Leadership Outcome language, and the status of the Local Government Technical Assistance Inventory and Gap Analysis.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGAC Staff will create shortened Bitly links for the new LGAC webpages. • In Relation to public feedback period for the revised Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, LGAC staff will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work with the CBP communications office to create a one-pager/flyer targeted at local governments ○ Coordinate virtual meetings with LGAC members and their local government associations ○ Share an announcement detailing the public feedback period and process with trusted partners, and explore survey opportunities for collecting local government feedback
<p>Jurisdiction Meeting Report-outs and Member Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Report-Out: N/A • DE Report-Out: Don Phillips • MD Report-Out: Josh Hastings • PA Report-Out: Marty Qually • VA Report-Out: Richard Baugh • WV Report-Out: Josephine Saikali (WV Jurisdiction Rep) • NY Report-Out: Suzy Ryan 	<p>DC - There were no updates from the DC Delegation.</p> <p>DE - The DE Delegation provided updates on their new state administration and its priorities. D. Phillips also shared that the delegation is starting some technical assistance projects with the support of the Alliance's new Delmarva technical assistance provider, Tom Leigh.</p> <p>MD - The MD Delegation discussed opportunities to engage their local government associations during the public feedback period for the revised Watershed Agreement and plans for a Fall 2025 peer-to-peer tour.</p>

		<p>PA - The PA Delegation discussed opportunities to engage their local government associations during the public feedback period for the revised Watershed Agreement. Members and jurisdiction representatives provided feedback on the recent peer-to-peer tour in Adams, Franklin, and Cumberland counties, as well as proposed plans for a Fall 2025 peer-to-peer tour in Lancaster and York counties.</p> <p>VA - The VA Delegation discussed opportunities to engage their local government associations during the public feedback period for the revised Watershed Agreement. DEQ updated members on the new VA representative on the Management Board, Kevin McLean. Members debriefed their recent VA peer-to-peer tour.</p> <p>WV - LGAC Staff have been in touch with the DEP Secretary's Office and they are working with the Governor's Office on appointing a new WV member.</p> <p>NY - The NY Delegation shared that Broome County Legislator Suzy Ryan was formally appointed to LGAC.</p>
Chesapeake Bay Program Updates	<p>Khesha Reed, Deputy Director, Chesapeake Bay Program Contact: reed.khesha@epa.gov</p>	<p>K. Reed provided updates on the Chesapeake Bay Program's budget including potential impacts on the Advisory Committees. LGAC members discussed possible budget adjustments.</p> <p>Action: LGAC Executive Committee will consider the impact of federal changes and will update LGAC members in mid-July.</p>
<u>Background: Why the Chesapeake Bay Program is focused on conservation</u>	<p>Keith Bollt, Life Scientist, Chesapeake Bay Program Office Contact: Bollt.Keith@epa.gov</p>	<p>K. Bollt summarized how the Chesapeake Bay Program has historically viewed conservation and reviewed why it is a focal point in the revised Watershed Agreement.</p>
Panel: How can the Chesapeake Bay Program 'elevate conservation' while supporting local governments?	<p>Josh Hastings, MD LGAC Member Contact: josh@soundmindstrategies.org</p> <p>Kevin McLean, VA Department of Environmental Quality Contact: kevin.mclean@deg.virginia.gov</p>	<p>Panelists from across the watershed discussed what it could mean to 'elevate conservation' within the Chesapeake Bay Program. K. McLean, L. Duman, and C. Jantz each clarified that VA, MD and PA (respectively) do not have a standard definition for conservation. On the whole, state partners in the Chesapeake Bay Program think of conservation as a broad umbrella term that encompasses a spectrum of</p>

	<p>Leila Duman, MD Department of Natural Resources Contact: leila.duman@maryland.gov</p> <p>Claire Jantz, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Contact: cjantz@pa.gov</p> <p>Ben Alexandro, Chesapeake Conservation Partnership Contact: balexandro@chesapeakeconservation.org</p> <p>David Lillard, Stakeholders' Advisory Committee Contact: DLillard@thedownstreamproject.org</p>	<p>activities.</p> <p>B. Alexandro discussed the Chesapeake Conservation Partnership's work around land preservation and the need to clearly define it, and how these components fit into the larger conversation around conservation. D. Lillard emphasised that the Stakeholders' Committee has been focused on this issue for some time and sees a need to not just 'elevate conservation,' but to 'elevate local governments.'</p> <p>Panelists and LGAC members discussed possible ideas for integrating conservation into the Chesapeake Bay Program. These ideas include: crediting land preservation in the model, providing additional incentives to local governments for conservation, and providing technical assistance to local governments.</p> <p>Action: LGAC members will discuss possible annual recommendations related to land use and conservation at the September LGAC Quarterly meeting.</p>
Final Thoughts/Actions from this Meeting		Staff shared action items from the meeting.
Adjourn	Marty Qually, LGAC Chair	Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

LGAC Members Present: Richard Baugh, Emeritus Member Phil Briddell, Frank Dawson, Amy Dubois, Cindy Dyballa, Jasmine Gore, Elizabeth Grant, Penny Gross, Sheila Finlayson, Josh Hastings, Michael Helfrich, Andria McClellan, Brianne Nadeau, Sheila Noll, Don Phillips, and Marty Qually.

LGAC Staff: Laura Cattell Noll and Kayli Ottomanelli.

LLWG Staff: Rick Mittler.

Speaker/Guests Present: Owen Bailey (ESLC), Marisa Baldine (Alliance), Carol Bean (ESLC), Jessica Blackburn (Alliance), Keith Boltt (EPA CBPO), Katie Brownson (USFS), Silas Chamberlin (YCEA), Maura Christian (VA DEQ), Peter Claggett (USGS), Meg Cole (CRC STAC), Jerney Cox (Bay Journal), Carrie Decker (MD DNR), Leila Duman (MD DNR), Rachel Felver (Alliance), KC Filippino (Hampton Roads PDC), Kate Fritz (Alliance), David Goshorn (MD DNR), Sushanth Gupta (MWCOC), Emily Heller (EPA CBPO), Kelly Hengler (CE&H Heritage Civic League), Claire Jantz (PA DCNR), Aleisha Khan (Viewshed), Les Knapp (MDE), Adrienne Kotula (Chesapeake Bay Commission), Daniel Koval (CRC), Alex LoCurto (Alliance), Kevin McLean (VA DEQ), Christopher Miller (Piedmont Environmental Council), Sabine Miller (MD DNR), Khesha Reed (EPA CBPO), Kristin Saunders (UMCES), Kathy Stecker (MDE), Andrew Stine (Frederick County, MD), James Sullivan (DNREC), Pat Thompson (Energy Works), Suzanne Trevena (EPA), and Erin Vesey (PA DEP).