

Local Government Advisory Committee Actions and Discussion March 23-24, 2023

Call to Order: Greetings and Introductions	LGAC Chair Jasmine Gore	Meeting called to order at 10:02 am
Partnership Efforts Towards 2025 and Beyond	Carin Bisland, Branch Chief, Partnerships and Accountability Branch, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program	C. Bisland discussed the purpose of the 2023 Strategy Review System Biennial meeting, the current timeline for meeting our Agreement Goals and Outcomes, and charting the course for the Watershed Agreement beyond 2025.
Jurisdiction Breakout Sessions DC Breakout Talking Points Headwaters Breakout Talking Points MD Breakout Talking Points PA Breakout Talking Points VA Breakout Talking Points		Jurisdiction groups discussed LGAC, Local Leadership Workgroup (LLWG), jurisdiction, and Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) priorities, and overarching questions heading towards 2025 and beyond.
Final Thoughts	Michelle Edwards, LLWG Chair, Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission	Action: LGAC to share a Summary of Jurisdiction Priorities with the CBP partnership to amplify local government perspectives as discussions develop for the Watershed Agreement beyond 2025.
Business Meeting Approval of December 2022 Minutes Annual Elections for LGAC Chair and Vice Chairs Coordinator's Report (Coordinator)		Action: Motion to approve December 2022 Minutes by R. Baugh, moved and seconded and all in favor. Action: Annual Elections for LGAC Chair and Vice Chairs. LGAC Chair – B. Nadeau nominated D. Chao as LGAC Chair, seconded by J. Thomas. DC Vice Chair – D. Chao nominated B. Nadeau as DC Vice Chair, seconded by P. Gross. MD Vice Chair – B. Williams nominated M. Dobbins as MD Vice Chair, seconded by A. McClellan. PA Vice Chair – L. Lutz nominated M. Helfrich as PA Vice Chair, seconded by B. Williams. VA Vice Chair – A. McClellan nominated R. Baugh as VA Vice Chair, seconded by P. Gross. At-Large Vice Chair – A. McClellan

		nominated D. Phillips as At-Large Vice Chair, seconded by P. Gross.
		Coordinator updated Members on upcoming events and resources, shared the recent Management Board responses to the 2022 LGAC recommendations to the Executive Council, and proposed a topic for the 2023 Local Government Forum. MB's draft response addressed the 2022 LGAC recommendation to streamline the grant application process and list all federal funding opportunities in one consolidated grant-portal. Although that recommendation has not been fully addressed, this new Local Infrastructure Hub is a great funding resource. Action: LGAC will co-develop with the CBP Workforce Development Action Team a workforce development-related Local Government Forum for September or December 2023.
Tree Canopy Updates & County Fact Sheets Available	Julie Mawhorter, Mid-Atlantic Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator, U.S. Forest Service	J. Mawhorter presented on the CBP's urban tree canopy outcome, methods to track tree canopy progress, and the components of the newly available County Tree Cover Fact Sheets. Action: J. Mawhorter to share the County Tree Cover Fact Sheets and Local Government Guide.
STAC Report: Rising Watershed and Bay Water Temperatures – Ecological Implications and Management Responses	Jamileh Soueidan, Climate Resiliency Workgroup Staffer, Chesapeake Research Consortium; and Katie Brownson, Watershed Specialist, U.S. Forest Service	K. Brownson shared a number of the local government-related watershed impacts and recommendations derived from the STAC workshop, including recommendations for coldwater fishery, rural water, and urban water habitats, as well as some recommendations for BMPs and state water quality standards. J. Souiedan presented on the tidal impacts and recommendations derived from the STAC workshop, including recommendations for nearshore habitat, ecosystem-based management, extreme stressors, and future climate conditions. Action: K. Brownson and J. Souiedan shared a new
		Summary Report of the management and research recommendations from the STAC Workshop.
Federal Update	Peter Marx, Federal Affairs Contractor, Choose Clean	P. Marx discussed the implications of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for the Chesapeake

	Water Coalition	Bay Watershed and covered Congressional Appropriations for the fiscal years of 2023 and 2024.
Final Thoughts/Actions from this Meeting		 New Business and Future Topics: Have a Federal Update by Peter Marx (CCWC) or another speaker twice a year. Make a concerted effort to educate newly elected officials in VA on Bay issues. Launching a new landing webpage this summer with resources for elected officials. Have more state elected officials speak at future LGAC meetings.

LGAC Members Present: Richard Baugh, Emeritus Member Phil Briddell, Daniel Chao, Mark Dobbins, Amy Dubois, Jasmine Gore, Penny Gross, Josh Hastings, Michael Helfrich, Leo Lutz, Andria McClellan, Brianne Nadeau, Don Phillips, Lisa Schaefer, John Thomas, James Wheeler, and Emeritus Member Bruce Williams.

LGAC Staff: Kayli Ottomanelli and Jennifer Starr.

LLWG Members Present: Jen Cotting, Michelle Edwards, Liz Feinberg, Mark Hoffman, Jake Kline, Shannon Moore, Martha Narvaez, Pam Shellenberger, Mitchell Smiley, Phillip Stafford, Kathy Stecker, Jim Sullivan, Janet Thigpen, Julia Wakeling, Wendy Walsh, and Tree Layton Zuzzio.

LLWG Staff: Cara Johnson and Laura Cattell Noll.

Speaker/Guests Present: Carin Bisland (EPA CBPO), Jessica Blackburn (Alliance), Heidi Bonnaffon (Metro-Washington COG), Katie Brownson (USFS), Sarah Brzezinski (EPA), Nicole Christ (MDE), Frank Dawson (MDE), Megan Diehl (WV Region 9), Rachel Felver (Alliance), KC Filippino (Hampton Roads PDC), Kate Fritz (Alliance), Ron Grutza (PSAB), Amy Handen (EPA), Rich Heineman (PA DOT), Donna Iannone (Sullivan County, PA), Les Knapp (MACo), Terry Lasher (VDOF), Alexa Malone (Alliance), Peter Marx (CCWC), Julie Mawhorter (USFS), Lee McDonnell (EPA), Kevin McLean (VA DEQ), Julie Reichert-Nguyen (NOAA), Rachael Peabody (VMRC), Matt Pennington (WV Region 9), Lucinda Power (EPA), Martha Shimkin (EPA), Jamileh Soueidan (CRC), Honey Stempka (PA DCED), Renee Thompson (USGS), Suzanne Trevena (EPA), Jill Whitcomb (PA DEP), and Bo Williams (EPA).