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Local Government Leadership Workgroup Quarterly Meeting

Supporting Small Communities: Septic and Rural Wastewater Management Systems

November 19, 2026
9:30-11:30 am

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Purpose:

- Identify and share resources to increase the knowledge and capacity of local government leaders on septics and rural wastewater management
- Plan for Local Government Leadership workgroup activities in 2027

Agenda

I. Welcome, Introductions, & Announcements **9:30 am – 9:45 am**

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Maura Christian, VA DEQ/LGLW Chair, Caitlin Bolton, MWCOG/LGLW Vice-Chair & Laura Cattell Noll, LGLW Coordinator
Materials: LGLW Administrative Slides

II. USGS Septics Mapping **9:45 am - 10:05 am**
Spatial data on septics and how they can help local governments make informed decisions.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Jackie Pickford, US Geological Survey
Materials: Presentation

III. Technical Assistance for Rural Wastewater Systems **10:05 am - 10:25 am**
Technical assistance is available for rural wastewater systems in each state via the National Rural Water Association and their state affiliates.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Brian Little, Pennsylvania Rural Water Association and Austen McCarter, Maryland Rural Water Association
Materials: Presentation

IV. Plenary Discussion **10:25 am - 10:45 am**
A discussion with the workgroup about additional resources that can support the knowledge and capacity of local government leaders related to septics and rural wastewater management.

Requested Action: Non-decisional
Lead: Maura Christian, VA DEQ/LGLW Chair
Materials: No presentation

V. Break **10:45 am - 10:55 am**

VI. LGLW Annual Business Meeting **10:55 am - 11:20am**
Update workgroup members on Local Government Leadership Management Strategy and workplan, vote on workgroup Chair/Vice Chair, consider meeting topics for 2027 and discuss proposed plan for tracking targets.

Requested Action: Decisional
Lead: Laura Cattell Noll, LGLW Coordinator
Materials: LGLW Administrative Slides

VII. Wrap-Up **11:20 am – 11:30 am**
Lead: Maura Christian, VA DEQ/LGLW Chair

VIII. Adjourn **11:30 am**

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 16th, 2027 9:30am - 11:30am