



Chesapeake Bay Program
Science. Restoration. Partnership.

March 5, 2025

Local Government Leadership Workgroup QM

Maura Christian, VA DEQ, Chair
Caitlin Bolton, MWCOG, Vice Chair

Agenda

1 Updates & Announcements

2 Innovative Approaches:
Managing Stormwater

David Wood, CSN

3 Innovative Approaches:
Mitigating Flooding

*Scott Smith, City of Hampton,
VA*

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Innovative Approaches:
Reducing Pollution

*Dr. Peter May, University of
Maryland*

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Guided Discussion &
Application Session

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Chesapeake Bay Program
Updates

Keith Bollt, EPA CBP

Setting the Stage for 2026

New Leadership!



Maura Christian - VA DEQ



Caitlin Bolton - MWCOG

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New Name!

Local **Government**
Leadership Workgroup

Setting the Stage for 2026

2014 CBWA Outcome:

Continually increase the knowledge and capacity of local officials on issues related to water resources and in the implementation of economic and policy incentives that will support local conservation actions.

New Outcome:

Increase knowledge and support the capacity of local government leaders in decision-making, such as land-use planning, to implement local actions that advance the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.

Setting the Stage for 2026

New Targets!

1. Engage directly (e.g., roundtable discussions) with at least 400 local government leaders annually.
2. Engage indirectly (e.g., newsletters) with at least 4,000 local government leaders annually.

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New Goal Structure!



Local Govt Leadership	School District Environmental Literacy Planning	Workforce
Stewardship	Student Environmental Literacy Experiences	Public Access

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New Goal Team!

Engaged Communities

Goal: Engage and grow a community of local stewards and leaders through education, recreation and professional opportunities to ensure the long-term success of restoration and conservation efforts.

Setting the Stage for 2026

Key Tasks for this year!

1. Finish up tasks from 2025
 - a. Finalizing TA Inventory & Gap Analysis
 - b. Completing Network Science TA in partnership w/ Healthy Landscapes GIT

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Key Tasks for this year!

2. Revised Agreement Updates

- a. Management Strategies
- b. Indicator/Target Tracking Development
- c. Engaged Communities Relationship Building

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Key Tasks for this year!

3. Directly Engage Local Government Leaders
 - a. Peer to Peer Bus Tours x3
 - b. Roundtables?
 - c. Trainings/Webinars?

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Key Tasks for this year!

4. Indirectly Engage Local Government Leaders

a. PLW

- i. Social Media/Newsletter Blurbs
- ii. Adding new Case Studies
- iii. Updating the PLW Module with the Toxics Contaminants Workgroup.

b. Trusted Source Blogs & Articles

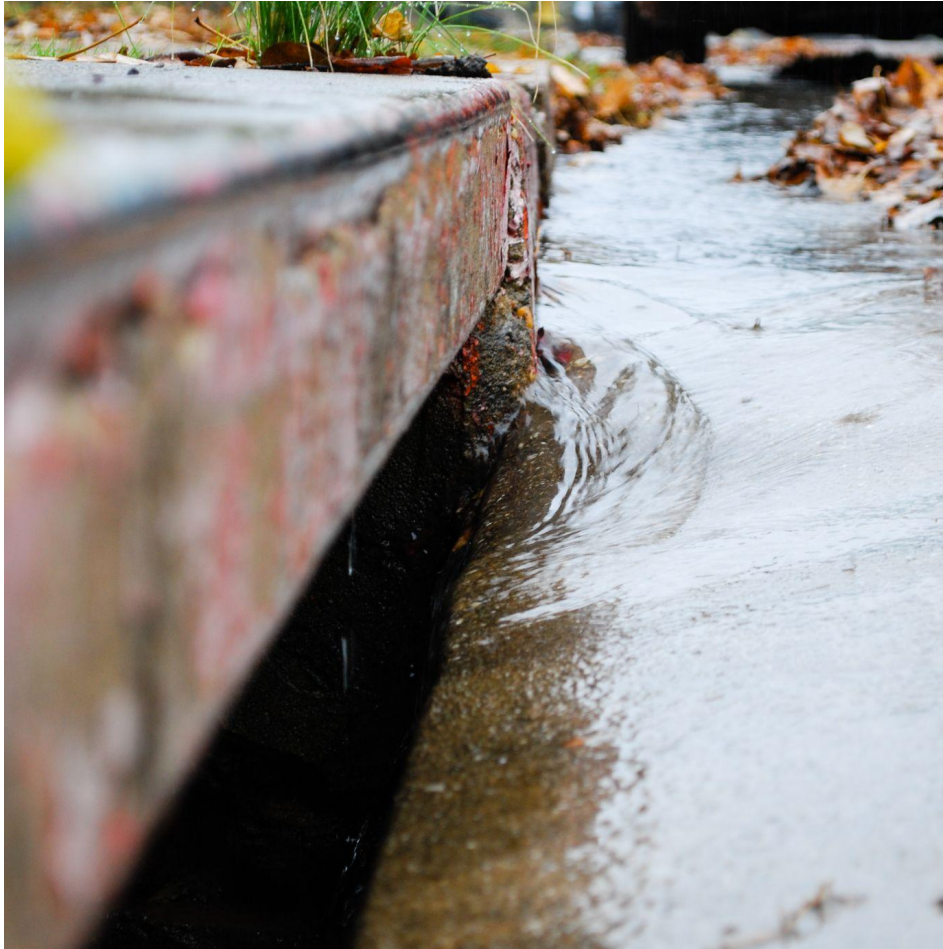


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Innovative Approaches

- Managing Stormwater - David Wood
- Mitigating Flooding - Scott Smith
- Reducing Pollution - Dr. Peter May

Guided Discussion/ Application Session

Goal: Developing actionable strategies to share resources and tools to increase the knowledge and capacity of local governments to meet shared Chesapeake Bay Watershed restoration goals.

In your network of local governments....



_____ is the most pressing issue you are asked about.

- A. Managing Stormwater
- B. Mitigating Flooding
- C. Reducing Pollution

In your network of local governments....



How can we 'translate' the successes of the innovative approaches to local government leaders?

In your network of local governments....

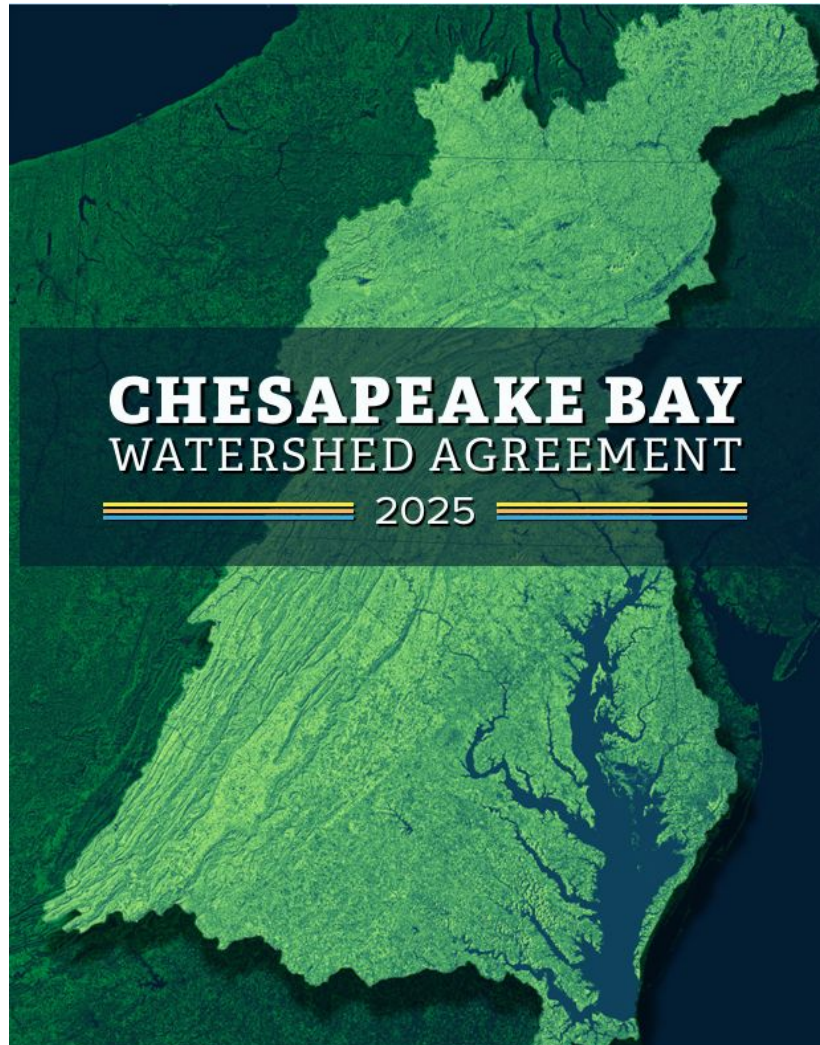


What are the biggest barriers to a local government adopting these innovative approaches?

In your network of local governments....



How can the LGLW help
overcome these barriers?



Chesapeake Bay Program Updates

Keith Bollt - CBP EPA

WANDERING DELMARVA'S WATERWAYS

Land Use on the Shore: Protecting Waterways and Meeting Local Priorities

Join us for an immersive two-day bus tour to investigate land use challenges, strategies, and solutions across Delmarva! Explore practical strategies, creative funding models, and real-world success stories that demonstrate how effective land use planning and decision-making can strengthen both the environment and the economy.

TOUR DETAILS



Thursday, April 16 -
Friday April 17, 2026



Projects and sites across
Delmarva



Tour is **FREE OF CHARGE**
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Overnight lodging provided
at the Tidewater Inn



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Wandering Delmarva's Waterways

April 16-17, 2026

*Land Use on the Shore: Protecting
Waterways and Meeting Local Priorities*

Wrap-Up

- Key Takeaways
- Actions & Decisions
- Next Meeting: Thursday May 21, 2026
 - 9:30-11:30am
 - Theme: *Strengthening Local Solutions: Communicating Successes and Tailored Technical Assistance*