

Chesapeake Executive Council: Directive in Support of Stormwater Technical Assistance

As of August 7, 2018, whereas many other sources of pollution have decreased since 1985, urban stormwater runoff is now a larger portion of the total nutrient issue facing the Chesapeake Bay watershed; and

Whereas, historically, federal grants for pollution controls have been provided for wastewater and agricultural sectors, but not the stormwater management sector; and

Whereas, during the 1970s and 1980s, the construction grants program was a major source of federal funds, providing more than \$60 billion for the construction of publicly-owned wastewater treatment facilities; and

Whereas, the control of stormwater on land developed prior to the 1980s represents a costly pollution legacy that that requires more affordable and partnership driven approaches for many local governments; and

Whereas, the state of Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) alone estimates the cost to local governments of stormwater controls on previously developed land to be several billion dollars in investments; and

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Whereas, managing stormwater runoff is about investing in communities, improving the health of the streams that flow into the Chesapeake Bay and providing resiliency to extreme weather events; and

By this directive, the Chesapeake Executive Council will:

Evaluate the need for a federal stormwater construction grant program or expand the resources devoted to the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund program to address this need.

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Enhance education on the importance of managing urban stormwater runoff through the use green infrastructure.

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Create enabling conditions for robust public private partnerships between local governments and private sector financing and technical professionals.

Pursue opportunities for market based approaches such as nutrient trading and mitigation banking.

Signed:

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