



October 28, 2015

The Honorable Janine Burns, Chair
Chesapeake Bay Program Local Government Advisory Committee
c/o Mary S. Gattis, Coordinator
3310 Market Street, Suite A
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Dear Chair Burns,

On behalf of Governor Terry McAuliffe and the Chesapeake Executive Council, thank you for submitting the CBP's Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) 2015 Annual Report and Recommendations in advance of the annual Executive Council meeting. The Executive Council greatly values LGAC's advice on how to engage the support of local governments and enhance the partnership's interactions with them.

In response to your recommendations and the Executive Council's discussion during the July meeting, the Chesapeake Bay Program is currently planning to convene a watershed-wide symposium on financing to help identify what it will take to accelerate and sustain funding for stormwater management financing. A steering committee has already been formed and grant funding has been put in place for such a symposium. We are aware of the importance of addressing financing options for municipal systems and extensive ditch-based systems and plan to have these issues as key themes of the symposium. I look forward to sharing more information about the symposium with you in the coming weeks and hope that we can rely on you and your committee members for continued support and advice. In addition, we will continue to work with the CBP Partners to look for possible long-term implementation funding for local governments and to help engage local governments in the development of milestones.

I have asked the CBP Management Board to work with you on your additional recommendations beginning with a more detailed discussion at the next MB meeting in November. I look forward to our continued work together in the coming months to engage our local partners to better protect

and restore the Chesapeake Bay watershed. If you have any questions or would like to discuss these issues in greater detail, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Molly Ward". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Molly" and last name "Ward" clearly distinguishable.

Molly Ward, Chair
CBP Principals Staff Committee

ec: Management Board Members
 Goal Implementation Team Chairs
 CBPO Director, Deputy and Associate Directors
 Mary S. Gattis, LGAC Coordinator