

# Local Leadership

## 2021 - 2023

Local Government Advisory Committee

December 4, 2020

## Goals for Today's Meeting:

- Update on progress in the last two years
- Get feedback on proposed workplan for the next two years

# Local Leadership Outcome

Continually increase the <sup>1</sup>knowledge and <sup>2</sup>capacity of local officials on issues related to water resources and in the <sup>3</sup>implementation of economic and policy incentives that will support local conservation actions.

# Progress in the Last Two Years



0. Establish baseline and measure progress ●
1. Develop, enhance and expand training and leadership programs ●
2. Improve transfer of knowledge to local elected officials ●

# Highlighting our Successes

- Organized 12 conference sessions that reached ~500 local officials
- Shared virtual educational content that reached ~5,000 local officials and staff
- A peer-to-peer learning exchange bus tour engaged 27 local elected officials from VA in experiential knowledge building and sharing
- A new project is engaging 15 local governments in virtual learning and connecting participants with technical service providers
- Drafting watershed educational materials tailored for local officials



The MOST Center is an online education and training platform designed to help Chesapeake Bay communities build, enhance, and better communicate about local stormwater programs. **Bolster your stormwater knowledge and meet your professional development requirements!**

Municipal Online Stormwater Training Center

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<b>Funding Urban Forestry Programs</b> 	<b>Making Pet Waste Management Work for Your Water Quality Goals</b> 	<b>Landscaping for Resilience in a Changing Climate</b> 
<b>Dig Once</b> 	<b>Economic Ecology™</b> 	<b>User's Guide to Urban BMPs in the Bay</b> 
<b>Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development 101</b> 	<b>Erosion and Sediment Control for Construction Sites</b> 	<b>Asset Management for Stormwater</b> 
<b>Stormwater Financing 101</b> 	<b>Introduction to Local Government Stormwater Financing</b> 	<b>The Building Blocks of an Effective Stormwater Management Program</b> 

### Local Case Stories

Bioretention 	Detention Tank 	Riparian Barriers 
Stream Restoration 	Urban Tree Planting 	Wetland Construction 

### Videos

Videos featuring local leaders & community stories



### Resource Center

<b>Finance</b> MS4 Minimum Control Measures <b>Climate &amp; Resilience</b> Community Engagement	<b>Green Infrastructure</b> Policy & Planning BMP Design & Performance
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### US Forest Service to Host Webinar on Local Tree Cover Policies

by [Alex Butler](#)

The **USDA Forest Service** will host a webinar to discuss the importance of local policies in the effort to halt tree cover loss.

The **Forest Service** will host a free webinar Wednesday, May 13, 2020 from 1:00 – 2:15pm entitled Addressing Loss of Tree Cover in Urban Watersheds: The Importance of Local Codes and Policies. Many State and local jurisdictions have recently been updating their forest conservation laws and targets to stymie the loss of tree cover. Join Karen Capiella from the Center for Watershed Protection and Lydia Scott from the Chicago Region Trees Initiative as they discuss successful strategies local jurisdictions can utilize to meet their tree cover goals.

To sign up and participate in the webinar visit the **Forest Service's** [announcement](#).







**Poll #1:** What's the most successful thing we've accomplished in the last two years?



# Proposed Workplan for the Next Two Years

1. Establish baseline and measure progress
2. Develop, enhance and expand leadership and training programs
3. Improve transfer of knowledge to local elected officials

# 1. Establish baseline and measure progress

1.1 Determine baseline level of knowledge and capacity of local officials

1.2 Monitor local official's knowledge and capacity

## 2. Develop, enhance and expand leadership and training programs

2.1 Track current training and leadership development programs

2.2 Develop regionally-tailored training and educational opportunities

2.3 Enhance successful training and education programs

2.4 Expand the reach of successful virtual training programs

## 3. Improve transfer of knowledge to local officials

3.1 Increase peer-to-peer knowledge transfer opportunities for local officials

3.2 Work with outcome leads that have identified local engagement needs related to local elected officials

3.3 Build relationships with local government trusted sources in each jurisdiction

3.4 Explore partnership with local government planners as 'teachers' for local officials



**Poll #2:** Which action(s) do you think will make the most impact?

# Thank you!

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