



LGAC Quarterly Meeting March 2019

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The Local Government Advisory Committee, *5 years in review + Looking into the future*

- ▶ LGAC Members and Staff Accomplishments between 2014 and 2018
- ▶ Annual Recommendations to the EC
- ▶ Looking ahead into 2019 and beyond

LGAC Members and Staff Accomplishments between 2014 and 2018



- ▶ Active participant in CBP GITs and workgroups (WQ, SW, Healthy Watersheds, Land Use)
- ▶ Active participant in STAC workshops
 - ▶ Ditch
 - ▶ Optimization (participant and follow up)
 - ▶ Fish Habitat (Steering Committee)
- ▶ Convened Forums and Roundtables
 - ▶ Annual NFWF Local Government Forum
 - ▶ Virginia (VEE) Roundtables (2018-2019)
 - ▶ Pennsylvania (Growing Greener PA DEP) Roundtables (2014-2018)
 - ▶ MML 2014
 - ▶ VML 2014
- ▶ Coordinate panels at PSATS, PSATC, PSAB, MACo
- ▶ Published a number of articles in Bay Journal
- ▶ Helped launch Bay Journal Local Government Edition
- ▶ Environmental Finance Symposium; CLA Study (Pay for Success)
- ▶ Local Government Engagement Initiative (LGEI) (2016-2018)

Annual Recommendations to the EC

- ▶ 2013:
 1. Funding for watershed protection and restoration is inadequate.
 2. Communications with local governments must improve.
 3. Headwater states should be represented in Advisory Committees.
- ▶ 2014:
 1. Support local contractor training programs.
 2. Target job training dollars to emerging restoration and protection industries.
 3. Adequately staff environmental programs.
 4. Develop and communicate protocols for local governments, conservation districts, or other responsible parties to report, track and verify BMPs.
- ▶ 2015:
 1. Enhance communication.
 2. Align priorities strategically.
 3. Convene a Watershed-wide Symposium on Financing.
- ▶ 2016:
 1. Increase resources dedicated to implementation.
 2. Speak out on behalf of Clean Water.
 3. Ensure vertical alignment of priorities.
- ▶ 2017:
 1. Continue to support local government engagement efforts
 2. Increase the access to Technical Assistance
- ▶ 2018:
 1. Continue focus on better engaging local government
 2. Provide the tools and resources local governments need to succeed

Looking ahead into 2019 and beyond: LGAC Member Discussion

Useful to think about LGAC's impact:

- ▶ Does anything come from our recommendations?
- ▶ How do we work with the PSC?
- ▶ What's our leverage?
- ▶ What's our sweet spot?
- ▶ Do we need to focus *more* energy on LGAC engaging at the state level?

Integrating Green Infrastructure into Capital Improvement Planning

*A Course Developed for the Municipal Online
Stormwater Training (MOST) Center*

Background

- ▶ 2016 Local Government Forum: Streamlining Integrated Infrastructure Implementation: “Dig Once” Strategy Development Workshop held in June 2016
- ▶ LGAC staff and Hirschman Water & Environment LLC developed report based on feedback during forum and disseminated broadly
- ▶ Created educational one-pager based on recommendations to enhance municipal processes and planning
- ▶ Received opportunity to contract with the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland to create course based on forum report

Dig Once, Defined

- ▶ **“Dig Once”** refers to the objective that green infrastructure (GI) projects be installed while the ground is already disturbed or excavated for other infrastructure projects.
- ▶ This approach leads to greater efficiency and overall cost benefits, but also requires a high level of **collaboration** and **integration** between **municipal departments**.

Course Overview

As communities across the Chesapeake Bay Watershed face the challenge of complying with regulatory obligations, accommodating growth, reducing flooding, and maintaining existing infrastructure, significant capital investments in stormwater infrastructure will be required. Green infrastructure (GI) is a preferred stormwater BMP, as these practices achieve multiple benefits and often yield the greatest return on investment (ROI). This course will outline strategies for integrating green infrastructure practices into capital improvement projects such as roads, utilities, parks, schools, and other projects, through a community's capital improvement planning process, in order to achieve more cost-effective solutions and accelerate the implementation of GI practices.

Four Modules

- ▶ **Module 1: Introduction to Capital Planning & the Concept of “Dig Once”**
- ▶ **Module 2: Setting Up for Success**
- ▶ **Module 3: The Process of Integrating Green Infrastructure**
- ▶ **Module 4: Bringing it all Together**

Status Update

- ▶ Modules 1-3 reviewed by Alliance staff, outside experts, and EFC staff, as well as contractors who built course
 - ▶ [Module 1](#); [Module 2](#); [Module 3](#)
- ▶ Waiting to review Module 4 and video interviews (Matt P., Richard B., Ruth H.)
- ▶ Anticipated release in early April, 2019
- ▶ Once released, will disseminate far and wide through CBP and Alliance

Filling Gaps to Advance WIP Implementation

2018 Local Government Forum Update & Discussion

Status Update

- ▶ Sent draft report to LGAC members and all Local Government Forum participants on Monday, March 18
- ▶ Written comments due by COB Monday, April 1
- ▶ Incorporate feedback by mid April
- ▶ Finalize report by end of April
- ▶ Disseminate to CBP partners
- ▶ Determine any next steps

LGAC Member Discussion

- ▶ Does anyone have general feedback at this point?
- ▶ Let's talk about the final recommendations:
 - ▶ To address both the insufficient staff capacity and technical assistance provider capacity limitations, LGAC recommends the establishment of a Circuit Rider Network, or set of networks, tailored to regional and/or state needs across the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Furthermore, LGAC recommends additional analysis be conducted as to whether a formalized Technical Assistance Collaborative is *feasible, realistic, and necessary*. (page 8)

State-specific Recommendations (pages 9-10)

- ▶ LGAC recommends *each state first assess the needs of its low capacity communities and determine whether additional funding be provided to build or expand a network of CRs.*
- ▶ Once that is determined, LGAC *recommends each state allocate existing state and federal funding to support the development of a CR program*
- ▶ Lays out state-specific recommendations to begin the conversation for each jurisdiction as they assess current gaps.

Questions for LGAC members:

- ▶ Are you comfortable with LGAC providing more generalized recommendations?
- ▶ What next? Are there opportunities to advance this more?