

An aerial photograph of a large body of water, possibly a reservoir or a series of interconnected lakes. The water is a deep blue color. In the foreground and middle ground, there is a vast expanse of green, vegetated land. This land is intricately shaped by a complex network of winding waterways, creating a maze-like pattern of islands and peninsulas. The waterways are dark blue, contrasting with the bright green of the surrounding land. In the bottom left corner, a narrow, light-colored strip of land, possibly a road or a small bridge, runs along the edge of the water. The overall scene is a striking example of natural or man-made waterway complexity.

**Setting the Stage:** *Where have we been and where are we going*

# Local Leadership

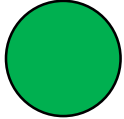
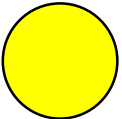
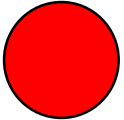
1

2

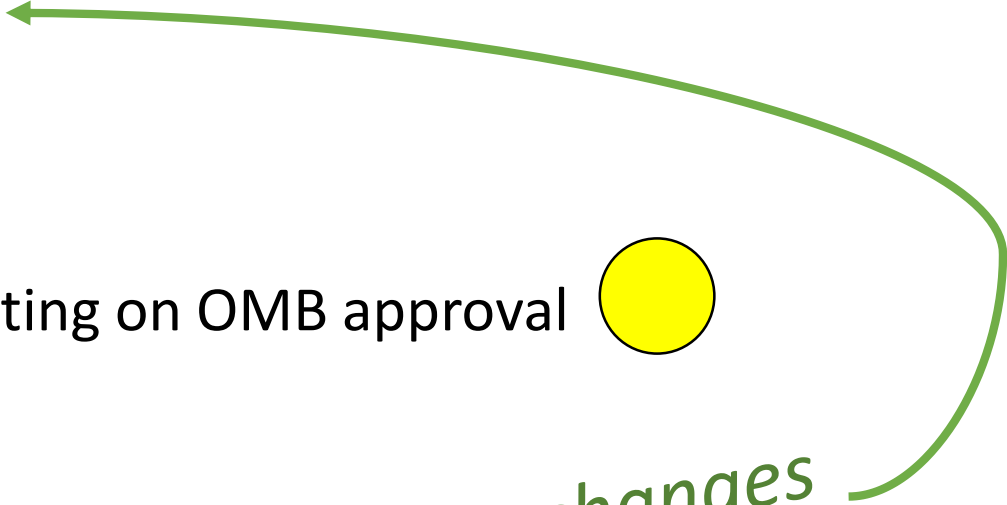
*Continually increase the **knowledge** and **capacity** of local officials on issues related to water resources and in the **3 implementation** of economic and policy incentives that will support local conservation actions.*



# Local Leadership Logic and Action Plan

- On track or complete – 15 actions 
- Risk of Getting Off-Track – 2 actions
  - Local Leadership Baseline Survey – still waiting on OMB approval 
- Off Track – 0 actions 

*Good news! Peer to peer learning exchanges  
in VA, MD and PA are back on track*



# What we have been working on

- *Peer to Peer Learning Exchanges*
  - Wandering Virginia's Waterways on March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Wandering Maryland's Waterways on April 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Wandering Pennsylvania's Waterways on May 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

**FREE of charge**

The Local Government Advisory Committee is pleased to host

## Wandering Maryland's Waterways

**JOIN US FOR A BUS TOUR OF MD'S CLEAN WATER PRACTICES**

When: Thursday, April 21- Friday, April 22, 2022  
 Where: Baltimore, St. Michaels, Tilghman Island and everywhere in between!

- Experience a two-day peer-to-peer learning exchange focused on exploring the economic impacts of clean water.
- Explore Baltimore's harbors, connect with invited local and state leaders including Secretary Ben Grumbles, MDE (invited), and Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, MD DNR (invited), and charter a boat ride around the Chesapeake Bay.

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Patti Bohnsack at [pbohnsack@allianceforthebay.org](mailto:pbohnsack@allianceforthebay.org)



Tour is Free of Charge!

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO HOST

## WANDERING PENNSYLVANIA'S WATERWAYS

Thursday, May 5 - Friday, May 6, 2022

**JOIN US FOR A 2-DAY BUS TOUR TO ADDRESS YOUR LOCAL FLOODING AND WATER RESOURCE GOALS!**

Tour the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, experience green infrastructure and hazard mitigation projects, and charter a ride on the Pride of the Susquehanna riverboat alongside Pennsylvania elected officials to learn and share local priorities.

**SPECIAL GUESTS**  
 Connect with invited leaders:

- Secretary Cindy Dunn, DCNR
- Secretary Patrick McDonnell, DEP



The Local Government Advisory Committee is pleased to host

## Wandering Virginia's Waterways

**FREE of charge**

Generously supported by Virginia Environmental Endowment

**JOIN US FOR A BUS TOUR: NEXT GENERATION AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES TO FOSTER A RESILIENT RURAL ECONOMY**

When: Thursday, March 31 - Friday, April 1, 2022  
 Where: Meet in Richmond and travel to the Lower Eastern Shore

- Experience a two-day peer-to-peer learning exchange focused on next generation agricultural practices
- Discover the Barrier Islands Center, enjoy a stop at the Chatham Winery, explore the Volgenau Virginia Coast Reserve on land and by boat at the Brownsville Preserve
- Connect with invited local and state leaders including State Senator Linwood Louis and State Delegate Rob Blossom

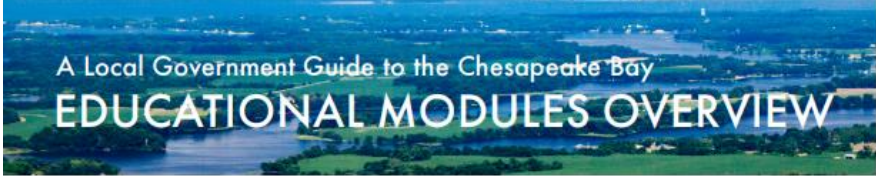
ALLIANCE for the Chesapeake Bay | VML VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL LEADERS | VACO VIRGINIA AGRICULTURE COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION | Local Government Advisory Committee

Photo courtesy of the Barrier Island Center

# What we have been working on

- *A Local Government Guide to the Chesapeake Bay*
  - Phase I included the creation of 7 educational modules
  - Phase II will launch in Spring 2022 and will include creation of 3 – 4 additional modules, an online resource hub and a train the trainer program

Perhaps a new module focused on ag?







**A Local Government Guide to the Chesapeake Bay**  
**EDUCATIONAL MODULES OVERVIEW**

**A Local Government Guide to the Chesapeake Bay** is a seven-module series created to support decision making by local officials. As a local leader, *your decisions set the course for your community.* Your actions determine the health and vitality of your jurisdiction, as well as that of your local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay, which spans more than 64,000 mi<sup>2</sup> and includes seven jurisdictions. You can achieve mutually beneficial outcomes by prioritizing local economic development, infrastructure resiliency, public health, and education, while also protecting your environment.

**ABOUT THE MODULES**

Each module is a self-guided PowerPoint presentation, designed to be easily customized and shared. The icons below represent key local government priorities and are used throughout the modules to help you better understand how the information in the modules aligns with your specific priorities and interests.

-  Economic Development
-  Public Health & Safety
-  Infrastructure Maintenance & Finance
-  Education

**HOW TO USE THE MODULES**

All modules contain the slides listed below to identify learning objectives, local case studies, and resources for local implementation.

- **What You'll Learn** provides learning objectives and questions that will be answered throughout the module.
- **What You Can Do** identifies actionable items to engage your community and where applicable, financial assistance to support local actions.
- **To Learn More** provides additional resources for further learning about each of the module topics.

Each module references a variety of statistics and data to support its learning objectives. **Sources** for any referenced statistics, data, and photos can be found within the notes for each of the individual slides. A **glossary** defining keywords can also be found at the end of each module.

Please visit [Chesapeake Bay Program website](#) for more information.

2021

# What we have been working on

- *Implementation Support for Local Watershed Education and Capacity Building*
  - Project is now complete and final report is on meeting webpage
  - Directly engaged more than 1,500 local officials and indirectly engaged an additional 19,000 local leaders
  - Focus was on webinars, conference sessions, elected officials trainings, magazine/blog articles and more

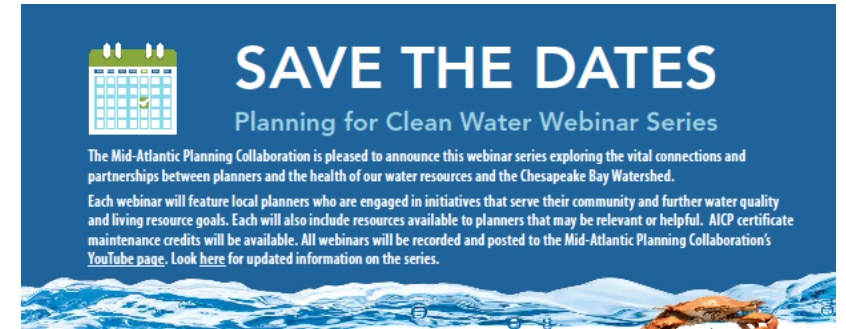
Rolling out new educational modules in partnership with trusted sources!



# What we have been working on

- [Planning for Clean Water: Local Government Workshops](#)
  - Monthly webinars in partnership with the MidAtlantic Planning Collaboration (Jan – June)
  - Proposed mobile workshops at PA, MD and VA conferences (Summer & Fall 2022)
  - Session at National American Planning Association (APA) conference in Spring 2023 in Philadelphia

*We've had great attendance so far – 280 folks at the first webinar!*



**SAVE THE DATES**  
Planning for Clean Water Webinar Series

The Mid-Atlantic Planning Collaboration is pleased to announce this webinar series exploring the vital connections and partnerships between planners and the health of our water resources and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Each webinar will feature local planners who are engaged in initiatives that serve their community and further water quality and living resource goals. Each will also include resources available to planners that may be relevant or helpful. AICP certificate maintenance credits will be available. All webinars will be recorded and posted to the Mid-Atlantic Planning Collaboration's [YouTube page](#). [Look here](#) for updated information on the series.

Third Thursdays of each Month | 12- 1:30 pm.  
Details and Registration below!

**January 20, 2022: A Planner's Guide to the Chesapeake Bay**- This webinar will provide an orientation to the Bay, including geography, population, the Bay Program, why it's important for planners to know about the Bay and how local decision-making impacts water resources.  
[REGISTER NOW](#)

**February 17, 2022: Plan Integration for Resilience AND Equity**- Planners have a number of plans for which they are responsible. Two factors, climate resilience and equity, are top-of-mind as we try and integrate planning strategies to provide multiple benefits. The webinar would explore examples of successful plan integration and their relation to building in more resilient approaches to local decision-making.  
[REGISTER NOW](#)

**March 17, 2022: Leveraging Hazard Mitigation for Water Quality Benefits**- Efforts to reduce water pollution can also achieve hazard mitigation plan goals. This webinar will provide examples of how local planners have integrated water quality considerations, such as Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development, into their Hazard Mitigation Plans.  
[REGISTER NOW](#)

**April 21, 2022: How to Leverage Conservation, Open Space and Parks Funding to Maximize Multiple Benefits**- How are localities leveraging conservation, open space and parks funding to maximize economic development, environmental stewardship, and quality of life? This webinar will explore the policies and opportunities that support conservation, recreation and open space at the local level.  
[REGISTER NOW](#)

**May 19, 2022: The One Water Approach and How It Benefits the Bay**- Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM), aka. the "One Water" approach, has been embraced by APA as a best practice. Clean water goals have a strong connection to the One Water approach. This webinar will present local planning jurisdictions that have taken a One Water approach in ways that minimize environmental impacts and maximize achievement of social and economic goals.  
[REGISTER NOW](#)

**June 16, 2022: Smart Growth Tools for Protecting Water Resources**- Water quality outcomes are directly tied to land use decisions made by local jurisdictions. This webinar would explore local land use scenarios that lead to triple-bottom-line (economic, social, environmental) results and pose questions on current land use trends watershed-wide that may threaten progress.  
[REGISTER NOW](#)



Have a good story to tell other mid-Atlantic planners about clean water? Let us know about it!  
Contact Laura Bachle, AICP at [laura.bachle@erg.com](mailto:laura.bachle@erg.com)

# Shout-outs!

- VA Peer to Peer: [Karie Walker](#), [Mitchell Smiley](#), [Justin Williams](#)
- MD Peer to Peer: [Justin Fiore](#), [Dominic Butchko](#), [Kathy Stecker](#), [Les Knapp](#), [Phillip Stafford](#)
- PA Peer to Peer: [Megan Lehman](#), [Pam Shellenberger](#), [Leslie Rhoads](#), [Ashley White](#), [James Wheeler](#), [Ed Knittel](#)
- Planning for Clean Water: Local Government Workshops Steering Committee: [Matthew Pennington](#), [Michelle Edwards](#), [Pam Shellenberger](#), [Heidi Bonnaffon](#), [Jennifer Starr](#)



# LLWG Member and Interested Party Survey

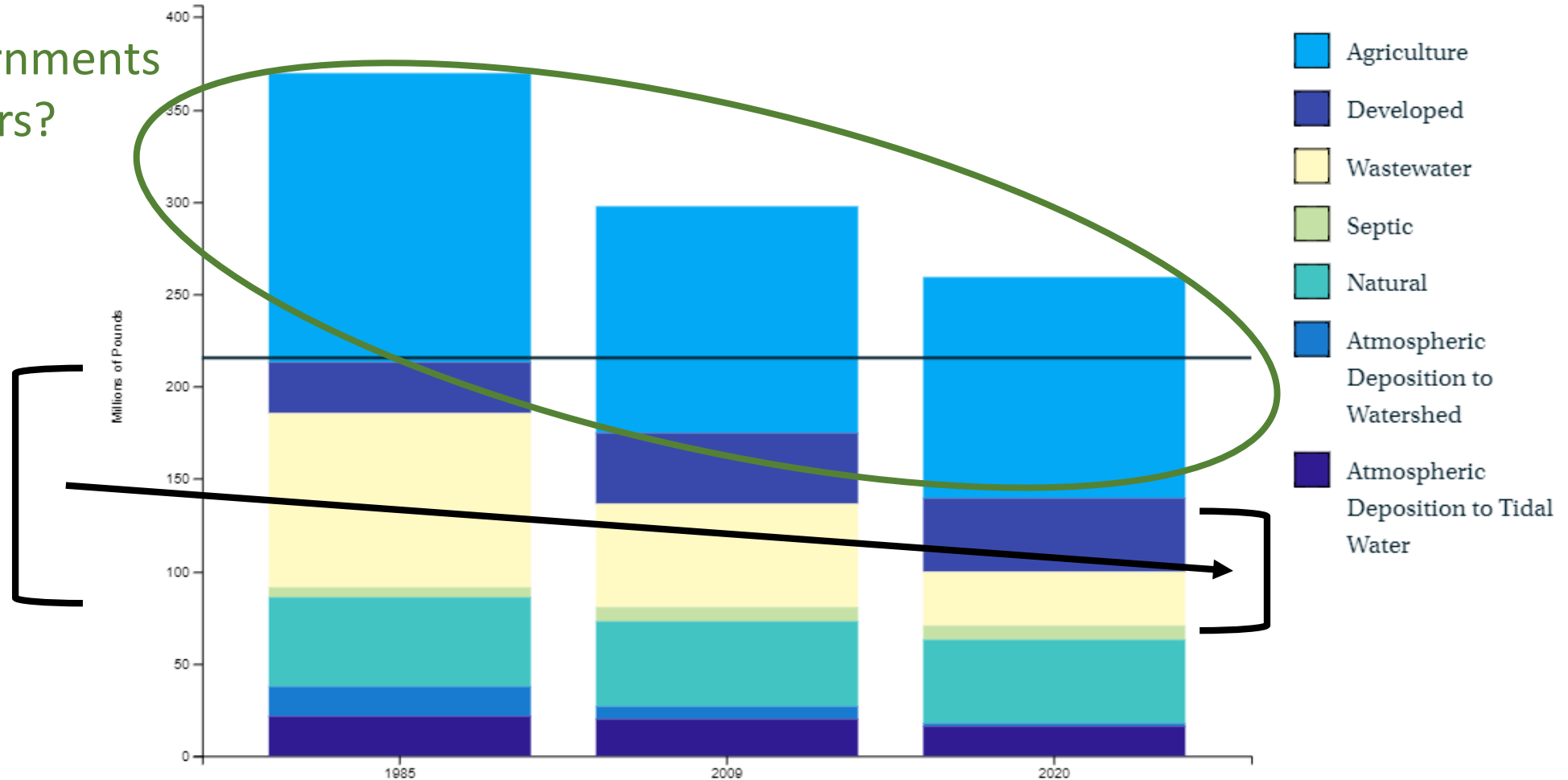
- 11 responses → 8 members and 3 interested parties
- How are we doing at accomplishing our mission (1 – 5)? 4.2
- 100% said that the ‘level’ of resources shared was just right and 90% found ‘many’ or ‘some’ of the materials helpful
- 80% said that we should continue to have themed meetings
- Top themes:
  - Social science tools – 90%
  - Agriculture – 50% ← *The focus of today’s meeting!*
  - Stormwater – 50%
  - Local Planners – 50%
- 90% want meetings to be more interactive and/or have more discussion

# Why focus on agriculture?

Modeled Nitrogen Loads to the Chesapeake Bay (1985 -2020)

How can local governments support their farmers?

Local Governments:  
Stormwater and  
Wastewater



# Meeting Goals:

- Determine what local elected officials need to know about agriculture
- Identify agriculture 101 resources tailored to local officials
- Explore case studies on how local officials are supporting their local agricultural community



Maryland  
Department of Agriculture

Office of Resource Conservation

50 Harry S. Truman Parkway

Annapolis, MD 21401

410.841.5863

[mda.maryland.gov](http://mda.maryland.gov)

