

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, in partnership with the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology at the University of Maryland, was awarded a grant to launch a watershed outreach education program for elected officials across the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The main objective of this grant is to supply existing education content to elected officials that is tailored to municipalities in each of the seven jurisdictions and delivered via trusted sources' existing programming.

Elected Officials Watershed Education Program Approach (proposed-as of 10/2/18)

Learning Objective: To equip local officials with the information they need to enact policies and programs that have local benefits and protect and restore the Watershed. Each individual module or course will also have a learning objective.

Overall Narrative:

- Understand what local elected officials need to know in order to take action to protect or restore the watershed and determine the local issues that connect the elected officials to this information/content.
- Advance this effort by addressing the priorities of elected officials' constituents which center on economic development, infrastructure maintenance and financing, and public health and safety.
- Work with trusted partners to determine the regional relevance for educational curriculum.

Methodology for Consideration (updated-10/18):

1. Delay launch of outreach education approach with trusted sources to allow time for the development of a watershed fundamentals curriculum based upon guidance from the Local Leadership Workgroup.
2. Launch an outreach education approach built on existing or CBPO easy-to-develop curriculum on flooding and land use.

Jurisdiction-Specific Project Approach

Delaware

Delivery: [Delaware League of Local Governments](#) Annual Conference (September 2019); [University of Delaware Local Leader Training Program](#) --continuing education program designed for both elected and appointed officials.

Year One content: Flooding, Land Use and Green Infrastructure

Learning Objective: With an effort for advanced planning, decisions on infrastructure improvements can incorporate green considerations.

Mode: In-Person training

Training Partners: [U of DE Institute for Public Administration](#)

Launch: Summer 2019

Year Two Content: ?

District of Columbia

Delivery: [DC Advisory Neighborhood Commissions](#)

Year One content: Flooding, Land Use and Green Infrastructure

Learning Objective: Offer opportunities that local improvements can benefit downstream restoration efforts.

Mode: In-Person Training

Training Partners: [Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments](#)

Launch: Summer 2019

Year Two Content: ?

Maryland

To be done under a subcontract the Harry Hughes Center and lead by Nancy Nunn. Proposed approach has not yet been submitted for review.

New York

Delivery: [Upper Susquehanna Watershed Forum](#)

Year One content: Foundations of Watershed Protection and Restoration

Learning Objective: Offer opportunities that local improvements can benefit downstream restoration efforts.

Mode: In-Person training

Training Partners: [Upper Susquehanna Coalition](#), [Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board](#), [Southern Tier East Regional Planning and Development Board](#)

Launch: Summer 2019

Year Two Content: Flooding, Land Use and Green Infrastructure

Pennsylvania

Delivery: [PSATS Boot Camp for Township Officials](#)

Year One content: Foundations of Watershed Protection and Restoration

Learning Objective: Offer opportunities that local improvements can benefit downstream restoration efforts.

Mode: In-Person Training

Training Partners: [PSATS](#), [Penn State Extension](#), [PA State Association of Boroughs](#), [PA Municipal League Stroud Water Research](#) task force to boost watershed education w NOAA

Launch: Spring/Summer 2019

Year Two Content: Flooding, Land Use and Green Infrastructure curriculum

Virginia

Delivery: [VML Leadership Academy](#) --continuing education program designed for both elected and appointed officials.

Year One content: Flooding, Land Use and Green Infrastructure

Learning Objective: With an effort for advanced planning, decisions on infrastructure improvements can incorporate green considerations.

Mode: In-Person training

Training Partners: [Virginia Municipal League](#), [Virginia Association of Counties](#), [VA Department of Forestry](#), and the [Virginia Cooperative Extension](#)

Launch: Summer 2019

Year Two Content: ?

West Virginia

Delivery: [Eastern Panhandle Regional Planning & Development Council Chesapeake Watershed Program](#), [West Virginia Municipal League](#)

Year One content: Foundations of Watershed Protection and Restoration

Learning Objective: Offer opportunities that local improvements can benefit downstream restoration efforts.

Mode: In-Person Training

Training Partners: [Eastern Panhandle Regional Planning and Development Council](#)

Launch: Summer 2019

Year Two Content: Flooding, Land Use and Green Infrastructure