



Local Government Advisory Committee

to the Chesapeake Executive Council

Ann Simonetti, Chair

LGAC Update to STAC

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LGAC's Overarching Perspective

To share the views and insights of local elected officials with state and federal decision-makers and to enhance the flow of information among local governments about the health and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Taking into consideration these local priorities:

- Local **Economy**
 - Ensure a vibrant economy (COVID has required reallocation of resources)
- Local **Public Health and Safety**
 - Support fire fighters, police, parks, etc (COVID has required reallocation of resources)
- Local **Infrastructure**
 - Maintain roads, sidewalks, water and sewer (Flooding challenges)



LGAC's Continuing Efforts

- **Peer-to-Peer Learning Exchanges**-LGAC-hosted opportunities for local elected officials to tour practices in other parts of the Watershed and learn from each other's unique priorities
- **Local Elected Official Roundtables**-1-1 ½ hour “come for a cup of coffee” and discuss local priorities, challenges and lessons learned
- **Online Stormwater Training and Technical Assistance**-Due to COVID concerns, in person opportunities have been replaced with this effort in PA, VA and MD
- **Quarterly Newsletter** – *Watershed Currents*-Issued between quarterly meetings to keep Members abreast of the latest news/events/research etc
- **Annual Local Government Forum** (one-day, deep-dive, problem-solving forum on an issue challenging local governments)
 - September 24, 2020 - Building Local Community Resilience Against Climate-Related Flooding
 - June 3, 2021 – TBD but likely something around Behavior Change and Local Partnerships

