

# Chesapeake Bay Local Government Advisory Committee

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# Chesapeake Bay Program's Local Government Advisory Committee

- Three local elected officials were appointed to the Chesapeake Bay LGAC by the Governor.
  - Sheila Noll, York County
  - Debbie Ritter, City of Chesapeake
  - Rosemary Wilson, City of Virginia Beach
- LGAC's purpose is to assume both a proactive and reactive policy development role in advising the Executive Council.
  - Governors of Virginia, Pennsylvania, & Maryland
  - Mayor of District of Columbia
  - EPA Administrator
  - Chairman of Chesapeake Bay Commission

# Hampton Roads LGAC Concerns

1. Communication between the state and localities
2. Communication between the state and Chesapeake Bay Program
3. Transition of the Stormwater Program from DCR to DEQ

*The purpose of the LGAC is to advise the Executive Council on how to most effectively, equitably, and expeditiously implement the projects required to engage the support of local governments to achieve the goals of the Bay Agreement.*

*LGAC's goal is to develop and execute strategy, to ensure continued local government participation, and input in the design, development, and implementation of programs to protect and improve the Chesapeake Bay.*

# Response from Secretary of Natural Resources

- Did not address specific concerns like the following examples:
  - Virginia needs to demonstrate to localities that the data they have submitted has been incorporated into the 2012 Progress Run. State agencies should develop a transparent and structured process to collect data for future progress runs.
  - The new program structure will divide nonpoint source strategies between two agencies and could exacerbate the existing problems. The state should create a multi-agency team to ensure state representatives to the Bay Program have full access and knowledge of existing data, past decisions about data submittals and modeling assumptions.
- Offered to have staff meet with LGAC members.

# Next Step

- Hampton Roads LGAC representatives meeting with Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Coordinator, Russ Baxter, on June 21, 2013.