



# **Our Rivers, Our Bay:**

Virginia's Path to Clean Water

**Chesapeake Bay TMDL**

**Phase III WIP – PDC**

**Local Engagement Activities &  
Challenges**

**Chesapeake Bay Stakeholder Advisory Group**

**August 22, 2018**

# ***PDC Meetings***

- Contracted with 14 of the 15 Planning District Commissions (PDCs)
- 9 PDCs have conducted initial “kick off” meetings; 5 remaining PDCs will have had their kick off meetings by August 30<sup>th</sup>
- 5 PDCs have either conducted or scheduled their second meetings
- DEQ central and regional office staff are at all meetings

# *Challenges & Solutions*

- Not all regional and local staff are comfortable with information in Workbooks with provided to the PDCs
  - Solution: webinar for PDC staff and locality partners to conduct a “refresher” on only the key components of the workbook
- Need to review roles of DEQ and PDC staff
  - Solution: Conduct brief meetings with PDC staff in advance of each meeting to review roles and questions

# *Themes & Comments*

- Inadequate resources to implement BMPs
- BMP information in the Workbooks provided to the PDCs vs. local information on BMPs
- MS4 issues – reluctance to implement BMPs outside of the service area
- Are all the right players at the table?
- Lack of clarity that the Phase III planning process is voluntary and applies to the nonregulated areas
- Need for grant funds for nonregulated areas

# ***Common themes***

## Programmatic

- Revisit “Baseline Load” requirement for retrofits by MS4 in unregulated lands
- Expand VCAP beyond SWCD’s, provide more funding for VCAP
- Provide funding opportunities for retrofitting, reporting and verifying BMPs in unregulated developed

## Technical

- Get an accurate account of BMPs in place for regulated and unregulated developed and septic
- Resolve reporting issues
- Separate state lands from locality lands and provide a state LAPG