

## **STAC/LGAC Workshop on COVID-19 Impacts on Local Governments Agenda**

**Date:** May 24, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Via Zoom:** [Register Here](#)

**Sponsors:** Scientific & Technical Advisory Committee  
Local Government Advisory Committee  
CBP Local Leadership Workgroup

### **Overview:**

The impacts of COVID-19 have played out in many ways across the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed, including affecting local governments and their ability to accomplish the requirements and goals set out in the 2010 Total Maximum Daily Load and 2014 Chesapeake Bay Agreement. This workshop is one of three “mini-workshops” meant to explore some of these impacts in greater detail, with this one focused on local government impacts. The goal is to explore lessons learned from how COVID-19 impacts have played out and how this might inform management of the Chesapeake Bay going forward, including economic and societal considerations.

**Welcome** **Lara Fowler, STAC Executive Board Member, Penn State University**

**Moderator** **Kate Fritz, Chief Executive Officer, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay**

### **Panelists**

- Donna Iannone, Commissioner, Sullivan County, PA
- Mark Dobbins, Chair, Northeast Maryland Planning Commission
- Chris McDonald, Director of Government Relations, VA Association of Counties
- Katherine Antos, Senior Policy Advisor, DC Department of Energy & Environment

### **Discussion Questions:**

- How has the COVID-19 situation affected local governments, based on your own experience or what you are hearing?
- How have local governments addressed such impacts? At what scale?
- Part of the American Rescue Plan Act signed by President Biden on March 11th includes the State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds. 50% of funding from the US Treasury directly arrives by May 11th to municipalities and counties and 50% no earlier than 12 months after the first payment. What plans do you see for this funding?
- Are there lessons learned from this situation that can help inform management options across the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed?

### **Workshop Participants Discussion**

### **Summary, Recommendations, and next steps**