



# Our Rivers, Our Bay:

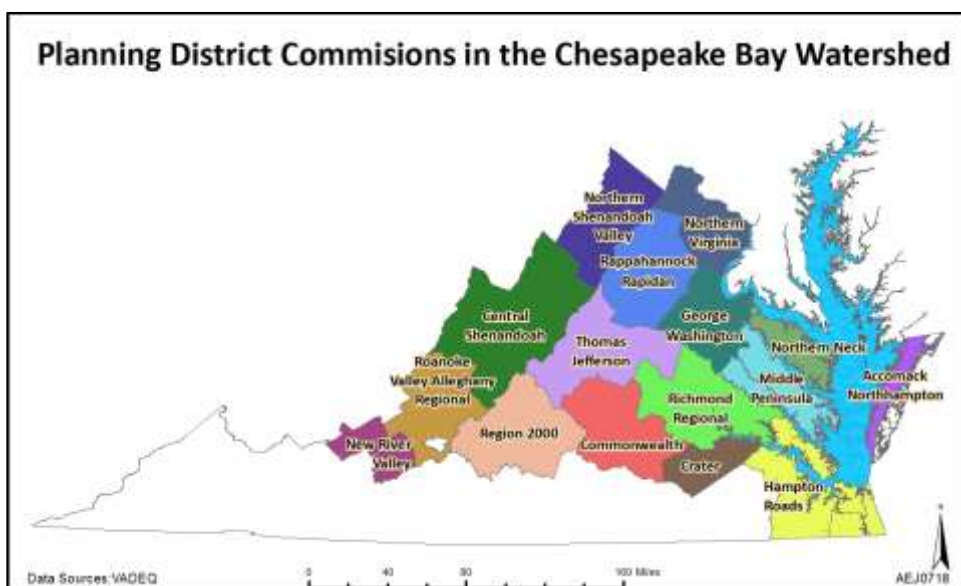
Virginia's Path to Clean Water

## Upcoming Outreach & Tools Developed for PDCs

- ✓ **June-July, 2018**  
Informational meetings for PDCs conducted by DEQ
- ✓ **July, 2018**  
Local Area Planning Goals (LAPGs) for unregulated developed lands established and distributed to PDCs
- ✓ **July, 2018**  
Draft Input Decks distributed to PDCs
- ✓ **SUMMER 2018**  
Series of Fact Sheets on Specific Phase III WIP Topics

## Planning District Commissions and the Phase III WIP

The Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP III) development is a voluntary process for Virginia's Chesapeake Bay watershed localities to identify pollutant reduction strategies for nitrogen and phosphorus coming from their unregulated urban and developed lands. Planning District Commissions (PDCs) throughout Virginia's Chesapeake Bay watershed are facilitating this important work at the local level. The Department of Environmental Quality has made available \$50,000 in grant funds to each of the 15 PDCs in the Bay Watershed to support their WIP III development process. As outlined in grants with DEQ, the PDCs will lead a collaborative effort with their local governments and organizations to determine the best strategies and practices that could be implemented by the 2025 deadline. Local knowledge of the unique conditions, preference, and opportunities in each Bay locality is of utmost importance in designing a successful WIP III.



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## WIP III PDC Grant Responsibilities

1. Plan and conduct at least three meetings with localities, state agency staff and local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) to review LAPGs, identify potential changes to the template BMP Input Deck, discuss programmatic strategies that provide local co-benefits, and recognize any gaps in the capacity to implement.
2. Plan and conduct at least one joint meeting with Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) representatives, locality government staff and local NGOs to discuss outcomes of the two parallel (SWCD/PDC) Input Deck development efforts.
3. Develop an updated template BMP Input Deck that reflects the selected mix of BMPs that meet the LAPGs for the PDC's unregulated urban and developed lands.
4. Develop descriptions of local co-benefits achieved through programmatic actions such as improving local water quality, advancing economic development opportunities, enhancing outdoor recreation, climate resiliency, flood control.
5. Collaborate with localities to identify gaps in capacity and funding needs, local strategies or actions, as well as necessary revisions to state code, regulation or guidance, and policy or programmatic recommendations to address gaps.

## Important Dates to Remember

- ✓ **July 2, 2018**  
WIP Planning Assistance Grant Projects Start
- ✓ **Sept. 15, 2018**  
WIP Planning Assistance Grant Interim Reports Due
- ✓ **Dec. 14, 2018**  
WIP Planning Assistance Grant Projects End

