

**September 25th CBPC virtual Water Quality Forum
Topics for Address**

Given that utilities and local governments are projecting growth and infrastructure needs, as well as water and wastewater flows and demands out to 2045 (or beyond), and local governments also need to plan for climate resiliency, we need the best possible information and data from the states, DC, and EPA to help guide infrastructure investment decisions.

- I. States and EPA, please consider addressing the points below during our September 25th Forum via your opening remarks and during the discussion.
 - A. CBPC members would like to hear Bay Program and states updates (i.e., approaches, tools, incentives, funding, etc.) for:
 - Climate resiliency,
 - Tree canopy, including stormwater crediting for tree preservation and planting,
 - Stream restoration,
 - Equity Issues, including reaching diverse communities with water quality messaging,
 - Competing in this virtual space for water quality messaging and investments
 - B. What do you foresee as the greatest challenges to the Bay's nutrient reduction progress over the next 25-50 years?
 - C. What is the long-term plan (beyond the 2025 TMDL) for achieving and maintaining the Bay TMDL nutrient reduction targets?
 - Is it realistic to count on the nutrient reduction levels from agriculture as described in the Phase III WIPs?
 - Will Wastewater Treatment Plants most likely end up with more stringent NPDES permits?
 - What do you see as a Bay Partnership solution for financing the additional loadings from Conowingo?
- II. COG local governments plan to share perspectives about:
 - A. The multiple issues and water quality drivers being addressed at the local level, including stormwater flood resiliency.
 - B. Local budgets: The need for long-term planning horizons, and Covid-19 uncertainty.
 - C. Protecting wastewater capacity for growth.
 - D. Timelines for addressing climate change and Conowingo loadings should be realistic so as to be achievable.