

# CBPC Focus for 2011

## COG staff recommended priorities

### Major Priorities

- **Advocate for Federal and State policies that recognize the roles and constraints of local government in meeting the Chesapeake Bay restoration goals and that strive to create a true partnership among all levels of government.**
- **Develop regional policy options regarding member involvement in the Bay TMDLs' watershed implementation plan process**
  - Work with WRTC and individual members in the development of localized plans for meeting Bay TMDL requirements (WIP Phase II)
  - Work with the WRTC to identify potential policy actions for the CBPC and COG Board's consideration regarding the TMDLs and associated Watershed Implementation plans
  - Advocate for the consideration of cost effectiveness criteria in the continued development of the TMDLs and the WIPs
  - Disseminate findings to COG Board, members.
- **Advocate for Federal and State cost-share funding to assist local governments in meeting their wastewater and urban stormwater source reduction responsibilities under the Bay TMDL**
  - Work with WRTC to document costs of urban stormwater retrofits.
  - Provide comment, as appropriate, on federal and state legislation that would provide funds to local governments (see next bullet)
- **Track and, where appropriate, comment upon federal and state legislative and regulatory initiatives regarding Bay restoration.**
- **Educate other local government officials and the public about the Bay TMDL and the challenges that local governments face in meeting regulatory requirements for wastewater and stormwater**
  - Update COG wastewater fact sheet; create COG stormwater fact sheet.
  - Provide Bay briefing to Metropolitan Development Policy Committee

### Other Priorities

- **Coordinate with other COG committees on environmental initiatives**
  - Monitor progress toward water quality-related goals, targets and indicators under the Region Forward initiative.
  - Work with Climate Change Committee to integrate water quality and climate change initiatives.

- **Advocate for adequate funding for water/wastewater/stormwater infrastructure**
  - Work with utilities, PIOs to craft regional message on water quality infrastructure.
  - Support appropriate federal and state legislative initiatives.
  
- **Others – ?????**

Actions to Support Priorities

- **Committee meetings** (6 per year)
- **Committee tour** (details to be determined)
- **State legislation** (COG advocacy events in Annapolis and Richmond)
- **Individual presentations/appearances by members**