

## **Request to participate in Chesapeake Bay Implementation Program**

This PDC, along with 14 other PDCs, has been invited by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to provide interim technical and administrative assistance related to the Chesapeake Bay Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) development.

Tasks involved include:

- a) Host three regional meetings, or hold discussions in existing meeting, related to the Implementation Program.
- b) Develop cost estimates and potential budgets for WIP III area BMP project implementation.
- c) Work with localities to compile and submit GIS shapefiles to support the High-Resolution Land Cover Update project.
- d) Develop a scope of work for a Local Area Watershed Implementation Plan.
- e) Develop a web page that informs/describes WIP.
- f) Develop a matrix of potential area grant projects with funding sources.
- g) Host a training webinar on the use of the BMP Warehouse
- h) Survey localities on data gaps
- i) Survey localities to identify WIP III BMP training needs.

DEQ will pay \$21,500 for this package of services. The work is to be completed between March & September 30, 2019, and similar to the WIP III activities, does include coordination and participation with member localities/staff. An interim Project Report will be due June 30.

This initiative is seen as a pilot for potential long-term funding support for PDCs. If successful, we speculate that this could become an annual contract in the \$50,000 range.

**Requested Action:** Recommend that the Commission authorize the PDC to contract with DEQ to deliver services under the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Program as described above.