

Chesapeake Executive Council: Directive in Support of Stormwater Technical Assistance [and Implementation](#)

As of August 7, 2018, whereas many other sources of pollution have decreased since 1985, urban stormwater runoff is now a larger portion of the total nutrient issue facing the Chesapeake Bay watershed; and

Commented [RF1]: DC: we are the exception to the broad statement that pollution loading from urban stormwater is increasing.

Whereas, historically, federal grants for pollution controls have been provided for wastewater and agricultural sectors, but not the stormwater management sector; and

Commented [RF2]: EPA recommends removing, as they believe federal grants have been used for stormwater.

Whereas, during the 1970s and 1980s, the construction grants program was a major source of federal funds, providing more than \$60 billion for the construction of publicly-owned wastewater treatment facilities; and

Commented [RF3]: EPA recommends removing, per the comment on construction grants below.

Whereas since 1987, the Clean Water State Loan Revolving Fund program funding \$179,005,441 in gray and green stormwater projects in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Region III.

Commented [RF4]: Alternate language proposed by Region 3, would like to include numbers from Region 2 as well.

Whereas, the control of stormwater on land developed prior to the 1980s represents a costly pollution legacy that requires more affordable and partnership driven approaches for many local governments; and

Whereas, the state of Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) alone estimates the cost to local governments of stormwater controls on previously developed land to be several billion dollars in investments; and

Commented [RF5]: PA recommends removing.

Whereas, managing stormwater runoff is about investing in communities, improving the health of the streams that flow into the Chesapeake Bay and providing resiliency to extreme weather events; and

Commented [RF6R5]: DC: recommend removing; either state that retrofitting urban areas will cost billions. Or add in other jurisdictions.

By this directive, the Chesapeake Executive Council will:

Evaluate the need for a federal stormwater construction grant program or expand the resources devoted to the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund program to address this need.

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Evaluate the need for broad municipal adoption of water runoff and quality monitoring programs to guide policy decisions and mitigation practices with science-based local and regional information.

Commented [RF8R7]: EPA: alternative would be for the EC to promote opportunities for increased private sector investment in the stormwater sector.

Enhance education on the importance of managing urban stormwater runoff through the use green infrastructure.

Commented [RF9R7]: DC: disagrees with EPA's comment about removing looking for a clean water state loan revolving fund for this work as without it, the resolution lacks teeth.

Create enabling conditions for robust public private partnerships between local governments and private sector financing and technical professionals.

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Evaluate and pursue opportunities for market based approaches such as nutrient trading and mitigation banking.

Commented [RF11]: DC: link in workforce development with green infrastructure implementation and maintenance.

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Commented [RF12R11]: DC: maintenance should be called out as a separate point, not just in the context of workforce development but for urban sector implementation and maintenance are major needs.

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Commented [RF13]: EPA: need clarification on what this means.

Commented [RF14]: EPA: what does this mean? Most Bay jurisdictions do not have regulations or programs in place; these would be jurisdictional actions, not something the EC could do.

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