

Request to Consider Receiving Technical Assistance from Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

For discussion at: February 6, 2025, rescheduled monthly Town Council meeting.

Proposed Motion: To request Mary Cary Bradley, as member of Facilities, make contact with Christina Bonini (cbonini@allianceforthebay.org) and Rick Mittler (rmittler@allianceforthebay.org) regarding the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Stormwater Technical Assistance for VA Towns program.

Relevant website: <https://www.allianceforthebay.org/>

Overview of Opportunity: Rick and Christina spoke at the January 8 VML training. I spoke with Rick briefly and he followed up via email with (see attached). His e-mail reiterated the Stormwater Technical Assistance for VA Towns program offers:

Stormwater Technical Assistance for VA Towns

- Cost: Free!
- What Towns will Receive:
 - **1** virtual introduction meeting
 - **3** site visits from Alliance Green Stormwater Infrastructure professionals to meet w/ key stakeholders to learn about the town's key issues related to stormwater runoff, flooding, or general community needs (i.e. more green space, pedestrian safety, etc.), perform a community assessment plan, and share materials created with decision-makers.
 - Information gathered will be used to create a customized **Green Stormwater Infrastructure Action Plan**
 - Along with the Action Plan, towns will receive a proposed **Green Stormwater Infrastructure Implementation Schedule** for immediate or future implementation
 - Once the Action Plan and Schedule are complete, towns will be connected w/ implementation partners (PDCs, SWCDs, etc) to move the project forward in a way that works for the town.
- Timeline: Work will be completed by April 2026

We would need to complete an application, see [here](#).

Concerns to be Addressed: I mentioned that we are (1) surrounded by water that connects to the Bay, (2) have Town Commons that flood, and (3) have a large piece of waterfront (Rappahannock Yachts) recently sold to a developer. I asked whether they would be able to help us think about drainage with the Commons and what questions and issues we should pay attention to if the former Rappahannock Yacht Yard was developed. Rick indicated both of those would be of interest to them.

This is free technical assistance and I think it could help us plan for our future.