

Regional Policy Advisory Committee


June 26, 2023

2 p.m.



Opening Agenda Items

 Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

 Agenda Item 2: Action on the Minutes from April 24, 2023

Update on the Allegheny River

DJ Ryan, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Policy

Agenda Item 3



Guest Presentation:

Ellen Kohler, JD, MS

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Water Technical Assistance Region 3: Mid-Atlantic



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MID-ATLANTIC CLIMATE ACTION HUB LAUNCHES WITH \$2.2M GRANT FROM ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION



UMD Sparks Partnership with Pepco on Green Projects




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UMD Program Plants Seeds of Stormwater Relief



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Building Capacity | Innovative Resources | Practical Assistance



The Water Center at Penn

A community-focused research center working to identify integrated solutions to the challenges facing water systems and watersheds.

Water Leadership ♦ Water Equity
Climate Resilience



Water Infrastructure Environmental Finance Centers

EPA Region	EFC
1	University of Maine System
2	Syracuse University
3	University of Maryland
4	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
4	Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project Inc.
5	WSOS Community Action Commission Inc.
5	Delta Institute
6	University of New Mexico
7	Wichita State University
8	National Rural Water Association
9	Rural Community Assistance Corporation
9	Hawaii Community Foundation
10	Rural Community Assistance Corporation



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Biden-Harris Administration Announces Selection of 29 EPA Environmental Finance Centers to Help Communities Access Funds for Infrastructure Projects

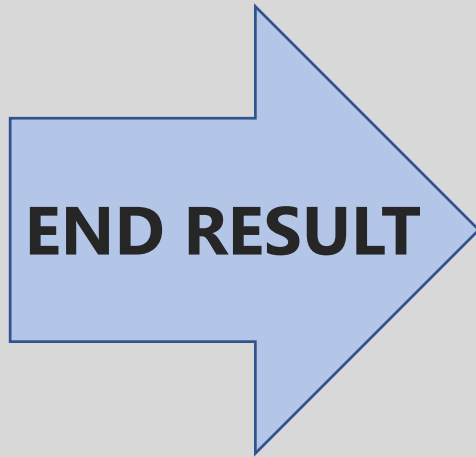
November 4, 2022

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WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the selection of 29 [Environmental Finance Centers](#) (EFCs) that will help communities across the country access federal funding for infrastructure and greenhouse gas reduction projects that improve public health and environmental protection. The EFCs will deliver targeted technical assistance to local governments, states, Tribes, and non-governmental organizations to protect public health, safeguard the environment, and advance environmental

Region 3 Water TA Program: Goal



More communities with applications for federal funding, quality water infrastructure, and reliable water services.

WaterTA Provider Team

**University of Maryland
Environmental Finance
Center (TEAM LEAD)**

**The Water Center,
University of
Pennsylvania**

Moonshot Missions

Quantified Ventures

**Southeast Rural
Community
Assistance Project,
Inc. (SERCAP)**

**RCAP Solutions
Northeast**

**WV Community
Action Partnership**

**University of Maryland
Center for Community
Engagement,
Environmental Justice,
and Health**



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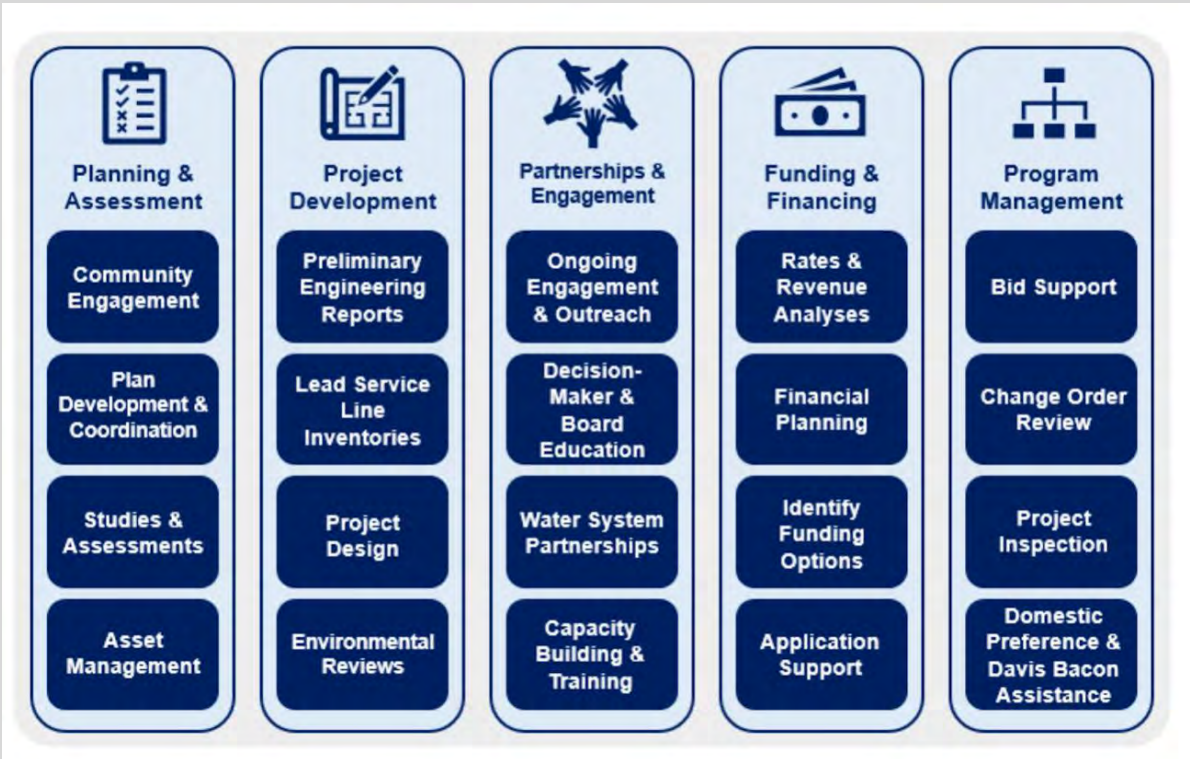
Principles of Technical Assistance

#1 - Provide direct water technical assistance to communities

#2 - Support communities to take concrete steps towards accessing water infrastructure funding

#3 - Coordinate and collaborate to support effective delivery of WaterTA

Menu of Services

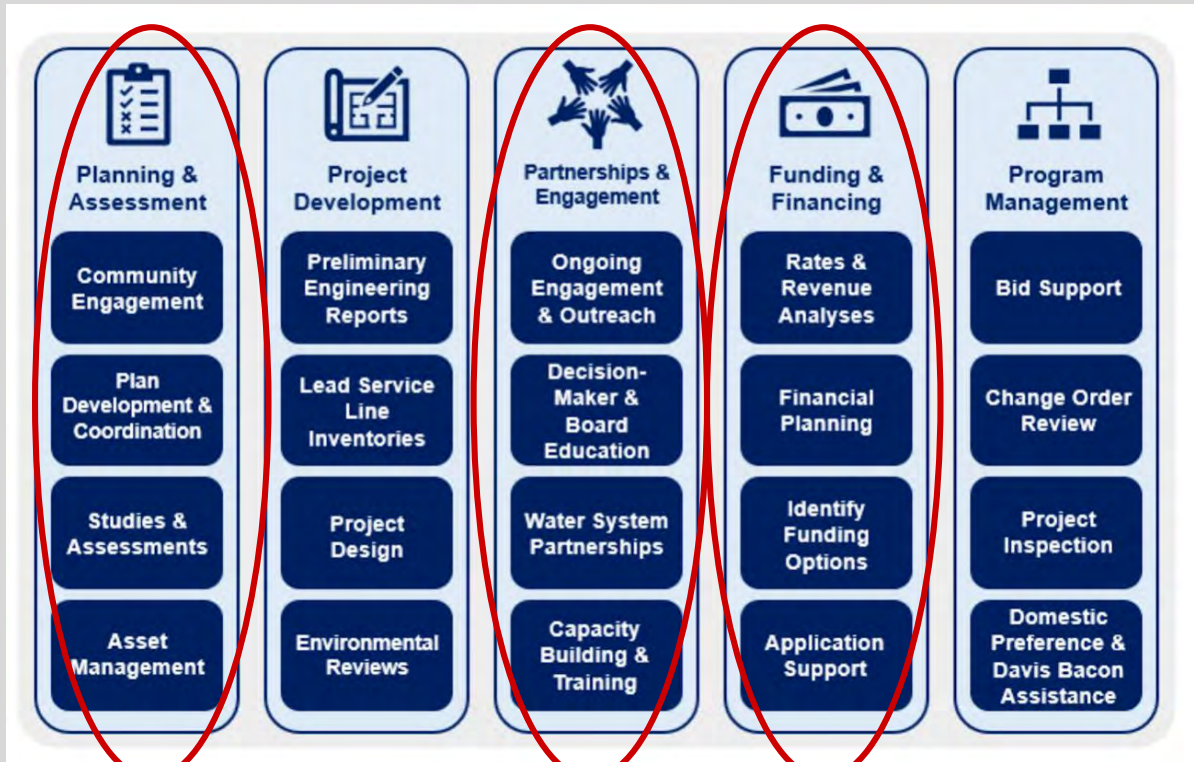


< any stage in the process

< full-spectrum or targeted

- Five-year project
- 40-60 communities assisted per year

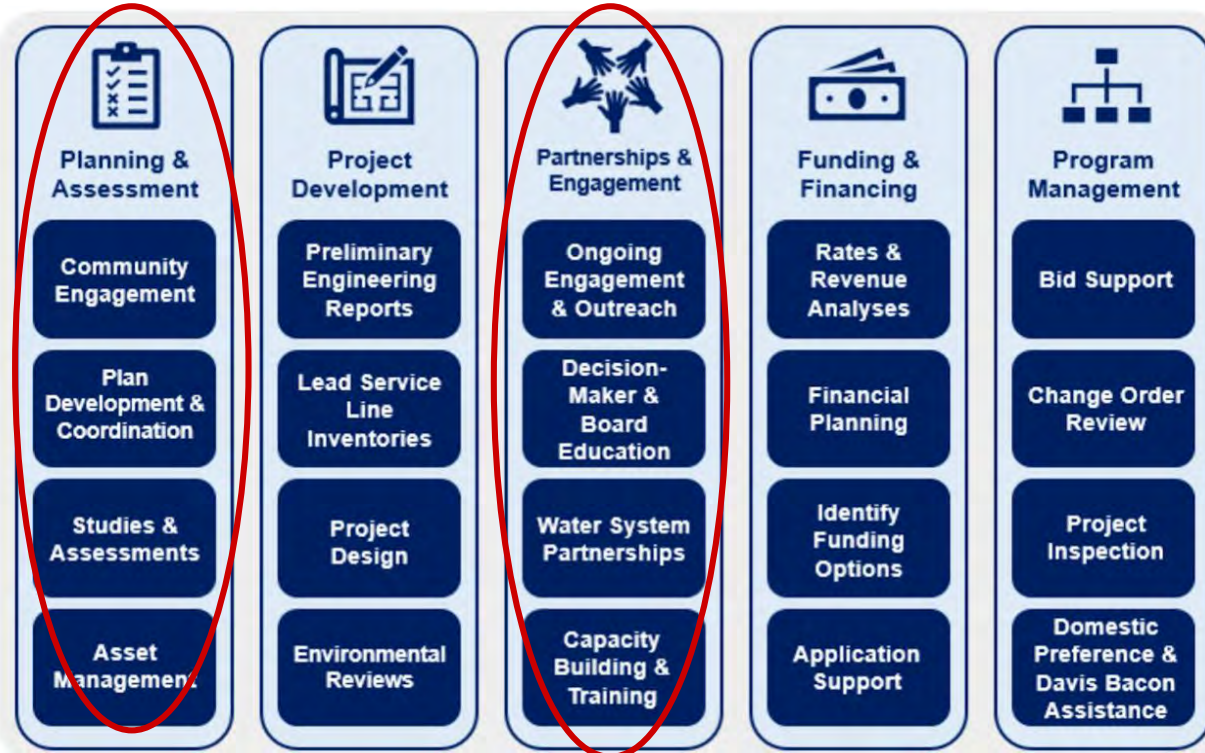
Menu of Services – Eagle Harbor, Maryland



- Engaging elected officials
- State agency coordination
- Technical assessment support

- Community education
- Well testing
- Citizen science

Menu of Services - AVONDALE BOROUGH



- Assessment of existing mapping
- Identification of system challenges

- Elected officials engagement
- Developing partnerships
- Training to conduct field work

- Meeting twice a month



U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Small and Disadvantaged Community Water Funding Roadmap

Prepared by
the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in partnership with



New Report Alert

Assists small and disadvantaged communities navigate how to access new federal funding sources and outline a policy agenda to fill needed gaps in water infrastructure funding, policies and technical assistance.

TA opportunities through another lens

Case Study

Partnering for
America's Water
Future (PAWF)

Leading
Utilities of
the World

WSSC
Philadelphia
Seattle
Denver

Toledo
Madison
Burlington
Oakland County, MI

"Smaller"
utilities

Mentoring; Problem Solving; Resource sharing

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Region 3 Water Infrastructure Website under Construction!

Discussion/Q&A



**Next Meeting Date:
August 28, 2023**

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Adjourn

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