



Local Government Advisory Committee

Public Meeting Agenda

September 25, 2026

Virtual option: email lgac@epa.gov for details
All times in Eastern Daylight Time

1:00pm

Call to Order

Paige Lieberman, *EPA Designated Federal Officer*

Welcoming Remarks

John Eunice, *EPA Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations*

David Painter, *LGAC Chair and Clermont County Commissioner*

Roll Call

Paige Lieberman, *EPA Designated Federal Officer*

1:20pm

Adaptive Reuse of the Built Environment

- Presentation of draft charge, Mark Sanborn, *EPA Region 1 Administrator* (10 minutes)
- Discussion on LGAC Response (15 minutes)
- Public Input (5 minutes)

1:50pm

Water Reuse in Industrial Applications

- Presentation of draft charge, Caitlin McHale, *EPA Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water* (10 minutes)
- Discussion on LGAC Response (25 minutes)
- Public Input (5 minutes)

2:30pm

Meeting Wrap-Up

Commissioner David Painter, *LGAC Chair and Clermont County Commissioner*

Paige Lieberman, *EPA Designated Federal Officer*



Advancing Adaptive Reuse to Expand Housing Supply, Support Community Revitalization, and Reduce Childhood Lead Exposure

Purpose

The Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) is charged with providing advice and recommendations to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on issues affecting local governments. This proposed charge would help EPA refine its outreach materials, guidance, and potential technical assistance offerings related to the conversion of existing buildings to new residential use (“adaptive reuse”) when lead and other environmental contaminants are present, including asbestos, PCBs, mold, and PFAS. The charge would support the Senior Lead Leadership Coordinating Committee (SL-LCC) established by the [Administrator to implement the 2018 Federal Lead Action Plan](#), by helping advance private sector innovation and public-private partnerships that facilitate safe and effective reuse projects.

Client Office

Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, with support from Office of External Affairs and EPA program offices as needed.

Background and Need

Adaptive reuse can help cities and counties increase housing supply, revitalize underused corridors, strengthen the local tax base, and improve economic and environmental outcomes, but it can also present significant implementation challenges. Local governments working with private developers often must navigate financing gaps; late-discovered hazards; zoning, permitting and building code issues; liability questions; and the need to coordinate across multiple departments. These challenges are often more complex than those associated with greenfield development or new infill construction, and they can make it harder for communities to redevelop vacant or underutilized properties. At the same time, adaptive reuse directly advances Administration priorities by increasing the supply of new homes, improving affordability for American families, and reducing childhood lead exposure.

In May 2026, EPA hosted a private sector forum on adaptive reuse and lead, and the agency also published an adaptive reuse case study as part of its [FY26 milestones](#) for implementing the 2018 Federal Lead Action Plan. The May forum, along with a similar forum held in April in Manchester, New Hampshire, made clear that developers, investors, and public-sector partners want clearer guidance, a more predictable compliance pathway for addressing lead and other environmental hazards, and better access to EPA tools and resources. The Sandstone, Minnesota case study shows the value of early coordination and effective partnership between a city and a developer. The city stabilized and cleaned up the building before transferring it to the developer, using EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Funds as part of a layered capital stack. Local zoning and permitting were applied flexibly, which helped move the project quickly into construction to create new workforce housing in a beloved building.

This charge is aligned with EPA’s “Pillar 3: Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership”; [Executive Order \(EO\) 14192](#) on federal deregulation; [EO 14394](#) on reducing burdens on housing construction, preservation, and adaptive reuse; and Section 210 (the RESIDE Act) of the [21st Century ROAD to Housing Act](#).



Charge

EPA is seeking LGAC's advice to help shape practitioner-facing resources that better resonate with local governments, developers, investors, and other public-private partners working on adaptive reuse projects where lead and other environmental contaminants are present. The goal is to improve awareness of EPA programs, clarify liability and compliance questions, and identify practical steps EPA can take to help communities turn vacant or underutilized buildings into housing and other productive uses. This work builds on the April and May forums, which highlighted the important role EPA can play by providing funding and technical assistance to support early environmental planning, offering predictable compliance pathways, and facilitating better coordination among public and private actors across the development process.

The charge has four core questions:

- 1) What existing EPA funding, technical assistance, regulatory or voluntary programs could EPA better leverage to help local governments and private-sector partners navigate adaptive reuse projects more efficiently?
- 2) Looking beyond EPA's existing programs, what additional activities or resources, including partnering with other federal agencies, would best help local governments and private-sector partners navigate adaptive reuse projects more efficiently?
- 3) What are the biggest barriers and greatest opportunities for advancing adaptive reuse and community revitalization when lead and other hazards are present?
- 4) What actions could EPA take to help local governments work more effectively with developers, investors, and other public-private partners to move adaptive reuse projects forward?

This charge would help EPA refine its outreach materials, guidance, and potential technical assistance offerings so they better meet the needs of local governments and the private sector, while also creating more opportunities for public-private partnerships that support private-sector innovation. It would also enhance understanding of EPA programs, regulatory pathways, and liability considerations.

Details of LGAC Workgroup Action

This charge would be presented at a public meeting in September 2026 for discussion among LGAC members and input from the public. LGAC members would be selected to join workgroup(s) dedicated to responding to the charge questions. Staff from OCIR would lead the effort and OEA would be available to support the workgroup(s) during and between meetings along with representatives from EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Water, Office of Air, and Office of Land and Emergency Management, as well as outside representatives as needed.

During these meetings, EPA staff could provide an overview of how EPA's funding, technical assistance, regulatory and voluntary programs intersect with adaptive reuse and community revitalization, including key program, compliance, and liability considerations. LGAC members would use this information, along with input from the public, EPA and industry subject matter experts, to develop responses to the charge questions and identify opportunities to improve EPA's outreach materials, guidance, and technical assistance offerings.



Progress updates from the workgroup would be provided at subsequent public meetings.

Details of LGAC Workgroup Action

LGAC would draft a letter with recommendations to the Administrator and SL-LCC.

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Water Reuse in Industrial Applications

Purpose

The LGAC is charged to provide advice and recommendations to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Water Reuse Workgroup was established to support the increased use of reclaimed water and other water resource policies within industrial locations.

The Workgroup will not advise the EPA Administrator directly but will transmit its recommendations to the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC). The LGAC will discuss and deliberate on the recommendations of the Workgroup, and the LGAC will deliver the recommendations to the Administrator.

Client Office

Administrator's Office, with support from the Office of Water and Office of External Affairs

Background

It is a critical time for water. Our nation's water needs are changing rapidly thanks to evolving community needs, manufacturing growth, the artificial intelligence and data center revolution, increasing energy production, and other economic opportunities. In this dynamic context, water reuse has never been more important.

Water reuse offers a tremendous opportunity to strategically treat wastewater for specific purposes. By reusing water purposefully and deliberately, our communities can be healthier and stronger, U.S. industries can operate more efficiently, and our economy can grow faster. Under Administrator Zeldin's leadership, the EPA is bringing a fresh focus to water reuse. We are emphasizing reuse for industry, the technology sector, and energy dominance.¹

The EPA's Powering the Great American Comeback Initiative, launched in 2025, includes several pillars related to this important work, including Pillar 2 (Restore American Energy Dominance), Pillar 3 (Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism and Cross-Agency Partnership) and Pillar 4 (Make the United State the Artificial Intelligence Capital of the World).²

Charge

Through the Water Reuse Action Plan 2.0, published in April 2026, the EPA has established a series of actions designed to accelerate the adoption of water reuse to lower costs and ensure a reliable supply of this vital input for sectors that drive the American economy.

¹ Water Reuse Action Plan 2.0. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2026-04/wrap-2.0-booklet.pdf>.

² Powering the Great American Comeback Initiative. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-lee-zeldin-announces-epas-powering-great-american-comeback>



Local governments and community leaders play an important part in achieving these goals, and their input will be vital for EPA's success. The LGAC's work is to focus on activities and policies the fall under EPA's statutory authority and the authority it delegates to states.

The LGAC is asked to provide input in support of the following actions:

- **Identify Best Practices in Permitting to Support States in Expanding the Use of Recycled Water for Industrial and Data Center Cooling Applications**
 - EPA is actively seeking examples of water permits and sharing best practices relevant for industrial cooling systems, to help state and local governments readily permit the use of recycled water for data centers and other industrial facilities. The LGAC will share these permits and best practices from their communities.
- **Review Existing Resources and Identify Resource Barriers**
 - EPA maintains a web portal with key resources to support water reuse for industrial manufacturing, AI/data centers, and energy production. The LGAC will review these resources, advise on how to better utilize these resources, and identify gaps where state and local governments need additional resources.
- **Build Trust in Recycled Water Nationwide**
 - One of the most important elements of advancing water reuse is communicating the value to community members. The EPA plans to roll out a National Communication Strategy to support communities as they work to improve public perception of recycled water. The LGAC will provide insight into this strategy from their on-the-ground experience engaging directly with community members.

Details of LGAC Workgroup Action

This charge will be presented at a public meeting in September 2026, for input from LGAC members and the public.

Members will self-select to join a workgroup dedicated to answering the charge. Staff in OCIR, Office of Water and OEA will work together to schedule monthly workgroup meetings. During these meetings EPA staff will share information about EPA's current and proposed work related to this charge, and LGAC members will use this information to respond to the charge questions. While developing this work, the workgroup will invite EPA and external subject matter experts to join their conversations.

Updates on the workgroup's progress for each phase will be provided at subsequent public meetings.

Work may cross over with other EPA federal advisory committees as they address similar issues, including but not limited to the Environmental Finance Advisory Board and the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee.

Deliverables

See above for details

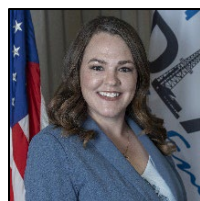
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP



The Honorable Vicente "Tony" Ada

Senator, Guam (Elected)

Vicente "Tony" Ada has served in the Guam Legislature since 2012. His humble beginnings as the son of a local businessman and former Guam senator influenced Ada to continue his family's legacy of service – first as an active-duty service member in the U.S. Army, then as a private businessman, before turning his skills toward government service. During his tenure as a senator, Ada authored multiple laws addressing economic development, open government, education, citizen empowerment, public safety and public health.



Lori Blong

Mayor, Midland, TX

Lori Blong is the Mayor of Midland, Texas, committed to fostering growth, economic development, and community well-being. As the first woman to serve in this role, she brings a strong background in business leadership and civic engagement to her work, aiming to enhance the quality of life for all Midland residents.



Patrick Collins

Mayor, Cheyenne, WY

Patrick Collins has served as Cheyenne's mayor since 2021, following three terms on the City Council. As Mayor, Collins has focused on enhancing infrastructure, promoting economic development, and improving the quality of life for Cheyenne residents. Notable accomplishments during his tenure include securing significant funding for street and road improvements and supporting the development of affordable housing initiatives. Under his leadership, Cheyenne has also strengthened its partnerships with local businesses, expanded public safety resources, and advanced strategic planning for long-term city growth. Beyond business and government, Collins has been actively involved in numerous community organizations. He has served on the boards of the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce and Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming, and has been engaged with the Cheyenne Greenway, the Cheyenne Soccer Association, and Leadership Cheyenne. In recognition of his contributions, he received the Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year award in 2021.



Seth Crawford

Commissioner, Crook County, OR

Crawford was first elected as Crook County Judge in 2020 and won re-election in 2024. He currently serves as Commissioner for Position 3 on the Crook County Commission. Crawford has represented Crook County at the state and federal levels, including attending President Trump's 2026 State of the Union address and meeting with Oregon's congressional delegation to push for rural transportation improvements, wolf delisting, streamlined federal permitting, and increased timber production.



The Honorable Kendell Culp

State Representative, Indiana General Assembly (Elected)

Kendell Culp is a dedicated farmer, businessman, and politician. He has served in the Indiana House of Representatives since 2022, having previously served for 18 years as a Jasper County Commissioner. Since 2016 he has also served as vice president of the Indiana Farm Bureau. This extensive experience in agriculture and community leadership informs his approach to environmental policies that seek to balance agricultural productivity with ecological stewardship. Culp's tenure also includes serving as a member of the American Soybean Association and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Technical Advisory Committee.



Bobby Dyer

Mayor, Virginia Beach, VA

Robert "Bobby" Dyer has served as mayor of Virginia Beach since 2018 and is the city's first military veteran to be elected to the role. Prior to that, he represented the Centerville District on City Council for 14 years. Dyer is retired from a medical career, where he was a home care physical therapist, as well as a health care executive and a business consultant in the health care field. He is currently a practitioner in residence in the school of government at Regent University. Dyer served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1968 to 1972.



The Honorable Allison Eckel

Commissioner, Burlington County, NJ

Allison Eckel is a Burlington County native and has served on the County Board of Commissioners since 2022. Prior to joining the Board of Commissioners, Allison served as a member of the Lenape Regional High School District's Board of Education and has spent more than a decade volunteering as a scout leader, den leader, mentor and advisor to Boy Scouts of America. She was honored as the 2019 Women Scouter of the Year by the Garden State Council in recognition of her volunteer service and support for the organization and bringing the first all-girl Scouts BSA Troop to the Garden State Council.



Chad Frank

Mayor, Connersville, IN

Chad Frank has served as Mayor of Connersville since 2020. As mayor, he has made economic development and "placemaking" focal points of his administration, as well as strengthening city services and rebuilding municipal equipment and facilities. Frank has a long history in public service, having served on the Connersville City Council prior to his time as mayor.



Mr. Brian Fulton

County Administrator, Jackson Co. MS

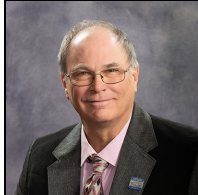
W. Brian Fulton, P.E. serves as County Administrator for Jackson County, Mississippi, overseeing 16 departments and more than 400 employees across a diverse coastal community. A professional engineer with extensive experience in both the public and private sectors, he has led major infrastructure and environmental projects throughout the Gulf Coast and worked closely with local, state, and federal agencies on air and water quality, solid waste, disaster recovery, and coastal restoration. Brian brings to the EPA Local Government Advisory Committee a unique understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing local governments as they balance environmental stewardship, economic development, public infrastructure, and community resilience. His experience fostering collaboration among government, industry, and regulatory partners provides a practical perspective on developing effective and sustainable environmental policies.



The Honorable Leirion Gaylor Baird

Mayor, Lincoln, NE

Mayor Gaylor Baird believes that city government, at its best, helps people coexist and reach their full human potential. The mayor's vision of leading Lincoln toward a more successful, secure, and shared future drives her administration's agenda. That agenda prioritizes public health and safety and maintaining the capital city's low crime rate; enhancing traditional and tech infrastructure to support economic growth and community resilience; increasing access to high-quality, affordable housing; and building a vibrant quality of life for all Lincoln residents. Mayor Gaylor Baird currently serves as Vice President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors' and as Chair of the USCM Mayors and Metro Universities Task Force.



Steve Gist

State Representative, State of Montana

Steve Gist has served in the Montana House of Representatives since 2021, focusing on policy issues related to wildland firefighting, public safety, local government cooperation and protections for first responders and workers' compensation. Born and raised on a farm in North Central Montana, Gist began his healthcare career in Great Falls, working as a registered nurse, paramedic, and first responder in emergency services. His career also includes owning and operating an ambulance service, working with Mercy Flight, and co-owning a wildland fire contracting business. Gist's legislative service includes Vice Chair of the Natural Resources committees, Majority Whip, and Chair of the House Natural Resources Committee.



Matthew Jewell

President, St. Charles Parish, LA

Matthew Jewell began serving as the sixth President of St. Charles Parish in January 2020. Prior to being elected as Parish President, Jewell worked as a Congressional hill staffer in Congressman Steve Scalise's office; he also served as a Congressional and Legislative Affairs Advisor for the U.S. Department of Energy under the Trump Administration where he handled a portfolio containing science, renewable energy, and national laboratories. Jewell is a proud tenth-generation St. Charles Parish resident. He currently serves as the President of the Parishes Advocating for Coastal Endurance (P.A.C.E), an organization of more than 20 coastal parishes fighting for coastal restoration.



Jason Maxey

Commissioner, Weld County, CO

Jason Maxey has been a dedicated public servant in Weld County for many years, serving in various roles that have contributed to the community's development and well-being. As the Commissioner of District 1, he is committed to creating jobs, improving public safety, and protecting the way of life in Weld County. Maxey's leadership is characterized by a focus on fiscal responsibility and common-sense solutions, ensuring that the county's resources are managed wisely and effectively. His experience as a Weld County Sheriff's Deputy and his involvement in the Weld County Oil & Gas Energy Department have equipped him with the skills necessary to address the challenges and opportunities within the county. Maxey's platform emphasizes the importance of community engagement, economic growth, and the protection of natural resources, making him a strong candidate for the position of Commissioner.

**Doug McLinko**

Commissioner, Bradford County, PA

Doug McLinko graduated from Towanda Area High School in 1976. He has owned and operated various businesses in Bradford County for over 25 years. He was the Chairman of Wysox Township Supervisors for two terms. During his term as supervisor, he lowered taxes by 17 percent, making the area one of the lowest taxed townships in the state of Pennsylvania. He is the Chairman of the Bradford/Sullivan County Salvation Army Service Unit, member of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Wysox Planning Commission, Wysox Municipal Authority, Independent Order of the Odd Fellows, Member of the Masonic Lodge Rome PA, America's Rural Energy Coalition, Endless Mountain Heritage Region, SERVE INC., Tourism. Doug also serves on the Republican Committee and the Republican Executive Committee.

**Matt Murdock**

Mayor, Pinedale, WY

Matt Murdock has served as Mayor of Pinedale, Wyoming since 2018 and currently serves as President of the Wyoming Association of Municipalities. A Wyoming native, he brings experience in local government, infrastructure, environmental regulation, and clean-energy development, as well as nearly two decades of international community-development work in West Africa. He holds degrees in Economics and Government from Georgetown University and studied at the University of Edinburgh. His experience provides the perspective of small and rural communities on issues involving local governance, permitting, infrastructure, and environmental policy.

**The Honorable Douglas J. Nicholls**

Mayor, Yuma, AZ

Mayor Douglas Nicholls is serving his fourth term as the Mayor of Yuma, Arizona. He is a Roman Catholic deacon, business owner, civil engineer, husband, father, and grandfather. Nicholls launched 4FrontED for binational economic development and Elevate Southwest to promote higher education and industry collaboration in Yuma. Under his leadership, Yuma was named a Great American Defense Community. He holds a Civil Engineering degree and post-graduate studies in Transportation Engineering from Arizona State University and founded Core Engineering Group, PLLC, providing engineering and land surveying services. Nicholls has served as Arizona Society of Professional Engineers State President and is involved with several engineering organizations. Active in the community, he sits on boards including Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation, the Governor's Arizona Space Commission, the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Executive Committee, and is a member of Yuma Rotary and Caballeros de Yuma.

**The Honorable David Painter**

County Commissioner, Clermont County

David Painter is currently serving his second term on the Clermont County Board of Commissioners and is a strong advocate for market competition and government efficiency. Painter is committed to reducing the impacts resulting from the Ohio opiate crisis and is serving on the Clermont County Drug Free Coalition, Opiate Task Force, and the Ohio Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to address this issue. Previously, Painter served for eight years on the New Richmond Village Exempted School District Board of Education, two of those as president, as well as the Ohio Township Board of Zoning Appeals. He represents the people of Ohio on several regional and national organizations, including the National Association of County's (NACo) Energy, Environmental and Land Use Steering Committee and NACo Board of Directors.



The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones

Mayor, Fairburn, GA (Elected)

Hattie Portis-Jones was elected Mayor of Fairburn in 2025 after serving three terms as a councilmember. During her tenure she has developed policy, enacted laws for the well-being of its 18,000+ citizens, and ensured the proper stewardship of its resources and adherence to its laws. Major accomplishments include: smart economic development focused on developing a designated economic corridor, creating a vision and plan for redeveloping downtown, maintaining and enhancing neighborhood integrity and quality of life; aggressive protection and stewardship of taxpayer dollars. Portis-Jones is also a Board of Director of the National League of Cities.



Ben Queen

State Senator, State of West Virginia

Ben Queen has tirelessly championed the interests of West Virginians throughout his career. Born and raised in the picturesque hills of the Mountain State, Queen developed a deep love for its people and their unique way of life. His journey into politics began at the local level, where he served as a city council member in his hometown. Queen's commitment to bipartisan collaboration has earned him respect on both sides of the aisle. He has worked diligently to bridge divides and find common ground, always putting the needs of his constituents first. His legislative accomplishments include landmark bills related to infrastructure investment, workforce development, and environmental conservation.



The Honorable Ed Romaine

County Executive, Suffolk County, NY (Elected)

Edward P. Romaine was elected Suffolk County Executive in November of 2023, the most recent chapter in a lifetime of service to the residents of Suffolk County. Prior to his election, Mr. Romaine served as Brookhaven Town Supervisor for 12 years, where he championed environmental and quality of life issues while significantly strengthening the Town's finances. Romaine's environmental initiatives include the completion of two solar arrays at facilities in Manorville and Holtsville generating 3.1 MW of DC power; removing more than 67 million pounds of green waste from the waste stream and converting it to garden mulch and compost; cutting Brookhaven's greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2020; and enacting legislation that will forever protect the Carmans River.



Bill Rosacker

Mayor, Newberg, OR

Bill Rosacker was elected mayor of Newberg in 2022, where he has lived most of his life. He has a diverse professional background as a private contractor with experience in project management, construction, real estate and trucking, as well as serving as a Reconnaissance Sergeant in the U.S. Army. Prior to becoming mayor, he was active in local governance, serving on the Newberg Budget Committee and chairing the Downtown Redevelopment Committee.



Martina White

State Representative, State of Pennsylvania

Martina White, a financial advisor and lifelong resident of Northeast Philadelphia, was first elected in 2015 in a special election to fill an open seat in the 170th District. She became the first new Republican elected in Philadelphia in 25 years. Martina has worked on various issues and delivered increased funding for school and the EITC program,

public safety including concurrent jurisdiction for illegal firearm crimes, as well as the impeachment of the Philadelphia District Attorney, and increasing services for local seniors. Martina was elected by her legislative peers to serve as the House Republican Caucus Chairman.

LGAC Public Meeting - EPA Biographies



Caitlin McHale

EPA Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water

Caitlin McHale serves as a Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water at the Environmental Protection Agency. The Office of Water works to ensure that drinking water is safe, wastewater is safely returned to the environment, and surface waters are properly managed and protected. McHale joined EPA from her most recent position as Associate General Counsel at the National Mining Association (NMA), where she managed the association's water-related legal and regulatory portfolio. Prior to joining the NMA, Caitlin McHale worked for Mars, Incorporated. She also spent time in government working on Capitol Hill for Congressman Mick Mulvaney (R-SC) and the Senate Judiciary Committee for Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT), and for the U.S. Department of Defense. Over her career, Caitlin McHale has worked on a variety of water topics, especially under the Clean Water Act, and she has built strong relationships across the water sector. Caitlin graduated from Virginia Tech with a bachelor's degree in English. She also earned a Juris Doctorate with a concentration in regulatory law from George Mason Law School.



Mark Sanborn

EPA Region 1 Administrator

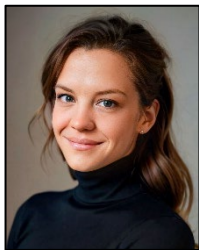
Mark Sanborn is a native of New Hampshire and brings a unique combination of federal and state experience, coupled with experience in the private sector. Mark has extensive background in domestic policy, government relations, and project management spanning both the public and private sectors. Prior to his appointment, he held key roles in New Hampshire state government, including as the Assistant Commissioner of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and Energy Advisor at the New Hampshire Department of Energy. At the federal level, Mark has served in several leadership positions including as Senior Advisor at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Chief of Staff at the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development, and as Director of Governmental and Public Affairs at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Mark began his career on Capitol Hill working for U.S. Senator Bob Smith of New Hampshire. Mark holds a degree in political science from the University of New Hampshire. Throughout his career, Mark has been committed to finding practical, commonsense solutions to complex environmental challenges, while stewarding New England's natural resources and supporting economic growth. He is known for his collaborative leadership style, practical problem-solving, and ability to build consensus around complex environmental issues.



John Eunice

EPA Principal Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

John Eunice joined U.S. EPA in May 2025 as the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional & Intergovernmental Affairs. In this role, John leads all national external engagement with state and local partners on ensuring EPA's core tenet of cooperative federalism is maintained across the country. Immediately prior to this role John served in Georgia Governor Brian Kemp's Administration as the Deputy Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GEPD) from 2021-2025. Prior to assuming his appointment at GEPD John served in several capacities with increasing responsibility to former U.S. Senator (and current U.S. Ambassador to China) David Perdue. John's tenure with former Senator Perdue culminated with him jointly serving as Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and General Counsel. In addition to John's state and federal service, he also served two terms on the City Council in Valdosta, Georgia. John earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Valdosta State University and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Georgia School of Law. John is a licensed attorney with the State Bar of Georgia.



Paige Lieberman

LGAC Designated Federal Officer

Paige Lieberman has served as the Designated Federal Officer for the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) for the past five years. A native of a small town in Indiana, Lieberman earned a Bachelor of Journalism from Indiana University and began her career as a reporter in the Denver area, where she covered local politics and environmental issues. Driven by a desire to move from reporting on public policy to helping shape it, Lieberman went on to earn a Master of Public Policy from The George Washington University and joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2009. Over the course of her career at EPA, she has worked across multiple offices and built partnerships with governments and organizations at the local, state, tribal, and international levels.