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Beaufort County Council Member Mike Covert Completes NACo's Cambridge Leadership Institute

Only the fourth elected official chosen to represent the state in the National Association of Counties' Cambridge Leadership Institute's 15-year history, <u>Beaufort Council Member Mike Covert</u> had the opportunity to meet fellow elected officials from across the country to discuss challenges unique to their state.

Participants discussed a personal challenge and a county challenge. Covert's county challenge: stormwater runoff and how best to collaborate with neighboring counties on the possibility of a regional stormwater management agency.

"Having attended this four-day learning institute and meeting fellow elected officials who face similar challenges, the bottom line is we want to make a positive impact in our communities and leadership is a skill that needs to be worked on every day," said Covert, who serves on the NACo Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee.

"My approach may be different and my understanding may be deeper, but my goal remains the same—how can I, as a County Council Member, be better, work more efficiently and enhance the quality of life for all Beaufort County residents."

<u>CLI</u> is designed for elected or appointed officials at the policy-making level with a demonstrated interest in innovative approaches to governance. The program is designed to help participants to identify and implement innovative solutions to the complex challenges facing county government in the 21st century.

Beaufort County is a longtime member of <u>NACo</u>, which unites America's 3,069 county governments, with a vision to achieve healthy, vibrant and safe counties across America. At the federal level, NACo works to increase, maintain, or create funding for programs that benefit county governments and their residents.

