

Baltimore Urban Waters Partnership

Meeting Agenda

September 17, 2014

Accepted to date:

Adam Lindquist -Waterfront Partnership
Ande Saunders - Baltimore Center for Green Careers
Angie Ashley - Masonville Cove Community Facilitator (by phone)
Amelia Atkins - Baltimore County
Anne Hairston-Strang - MD DNR
Anne Timm - USFS
Beth Strommen - Baltimore Office of Sustainability
Bob Shedlock - USGS
Charmaine Dahlenburg – National Aquarium
Christina Bradley - Parks and People
Claudia Friedetzky - MD Sierra Club
David Costello –MDE
Ed Doheny – USGS
Elizabeth Shipley - USGS
Erik Dihle - Baltimore City Arborist
Gary Allen - Center for Chesapeake Communities
Gary Fisher - USGS
Halle VanDerGaag - Blue Water Baltimore
Jenny Guillaume - Baltimore Office of Sustainability
Jess Sanders – Casey Trees
Jim Caldwell - Howard County Sustainability
Joanna Freeman - Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
Jonathan Essoka – EPA
Katie Lautar - Baltimore Green Space
Kim Grove - Baltimore DPW
Krisztian Varsa - UMD Sea Grant
Lou Etgen - Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
Mark Cameron - Baltimore City DPW
Mark James – MEMA
Marlou Church Gregory - AKRF, Inc.
Miriam Avins - Baltimore Green Space
Morgan Grove - US Forest Service
Nancy Sonti – USFS
Payton Brown – Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
Quin Holifield - US Forest Service

Next meeting: December 10, 2014

I. Refreshments, welcome, intros

II. Strategic Session

a. General

i. Where we are.

1. National program

- a. Urban Waters Partnerships briefing for the White House Domestic Policy Council's Deputy Assistant to the President for Urban Affairs
- b. National Urban Waters Federal Partnership meeting @ EPA Dec 2-4

2. Local program

- a. EPA Urban Waters Small Grants.
<http://www2.epa.gov/urbanwaters/urban-waters-small-grants#maryland>
- b. [2014-2015 Work Plan \(PDF\)](#) (22 pp, 1.33MB)

- ii. NFWF grant award: [Increasing Resiliency in Maryland's Greater Baltimore Wilderness \(PDF\)](#) (13 pp, 2.7MB). Success will consist of identifying spatially explicit, collectively significant coastal resiliency enhancement opportunities across the region derived from integrating data from the following sources: local, State, and regional planning documents, spatial and monitoring data, forecasting models, and GIS databases. These opportunities for additional natural or green infrastructure will be matched with a robust set of recommended best practices for their management and governance consistent with durability and continued effectiveness. Success will also consist of the growth and development of a regional network of institutions and practitioners actively sharing information across jurisdictional boundaries and connecting local actions to provide increased resiliency across the region to the threat of continuing climate change and periodic coastal storm impacts – Jeff Lerner, Conservation Fund
- iii. [Emerald Ash Borer: what does it mean to Baltimore's tree canopy? \(PDF\)](#) (11 pp, 5.08MB) Erik Dihle, City Arborist
- iv. Baltimore Green Space: Baltimore's forest patches – Miriam Avins, Baltimore Green Space (unfortunately, this PPTX was too big for our Dropbox but the following supplemental materials are available):
 1. [Baltimore's Forest Patches: Emerald Assets for Ecosystem Services \(PDF\)](#) (34 pp, 2.69MB)
 2. [Baltimore Forest Patch Atlas](#)

III. Tactical session

a. Subgroup updates:

i. Green Pattern Book

1. [Growing Green Design Competition winners \(PDF\)](#) (7 pp, 1.5MB) – Jenny Guillaume, Office of Sustainability.
 - a. 12 submissions, 7 winning designs
 - b. Should be installed by Sept 2015

ii. Mapping

1. DPW Mapping tool – Seema Iyer, BNIA and Kim Grove, DPW
 - a. Project is underway, mapping of Green Pattern Book stormwater sites.

iii. Models and Monitoring

1. Urban FIA
 - a. Plot data collection for 2014 is completed.
 - b. 1/7 panel (7 years to complete one full cycle)
2. Baltimore resiliency library – Morgan Grove, USFS
 - a. Providing science library access for decision support
3. Water Quality Monitoring – Bob Shedlock, Ed Doheny, USGS
 - a. [Water quality monitoring Workshop on June 18th \(PDF\)](#) (18 pp, 2.04MB)
 - b. New Herring Run monitoring gauge is live
http://waterdata.usgs.gov/md/nwis/uv/?site_no=01585219&PARAMeter_cd=00065,00060,62620,00062,00054

IV. Announcements/new business

- a. Strategic discussion (begun here, to continue at December meeting): what should be our priorities going forward? What should we focus on? What new projects should we advance?
- b. GRANTS
 - i. 12th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet:
<http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2015/2015-p3.html>
 - ii. Chesapeake Bay Trust:
<http://www.cbtrust.org/site/c.miJPKXPCJnH/b.5368633/k.BDEA/Home.htm>

1. *NEW* Outreach and Restoration Grant Program - Deadline: December 5, 2014
2. Environmental Education Grant Program Now Open - Deadline: December 5, 2014
3. Community Engagement and Restoration Mini Grant - Deadline Rolling

c. CONFERENCES

- i. Urban Agriculture Law Conference 2014: <http://communitylaw.org/2014-urban-agriculture-law-conference>
- ii. Chesapeake Bay Urban Tree Canopy Summit 2014: October, 14 and 15, Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies in Linthicum, MD.
- iii. Chesapeake Water Environment Association conference on communications strategies: October 15, Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies in Linthicum, MD.
<https://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1547795>
- iv. Baltimore Ecosystem Study Annual Meeting and Community Open House & Greening Celebration: Oct 22 and 23: <http://bes-news.blogspot.com/2014/09/bes-annual-meeting-community-open-house.html>
- v. 2014 National Conference on Large Landscape Conservation: Oct 23 and 24, Washington, DC: <http://www.largelandscapenetwork.org/2014-national-workshop/>
- vi. Maryland Water Quality Monitoring Council 2014: <http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MDDNR/bulletins/c9e899>
- vii. ACES 2014: <http://www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/aces/>
- viii. New Partners for Smart Growth 2015: <http://www.newpartners.org/>