

Adaptation & Resiliency Working Group Meeting

HYBRID MEETING

Wednesday, May 29, 2024 · 2:00 – 4:00pm

Maryland Department of Natural Resources
580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401
Room C-1

Meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/bkj-nyxw-zjx>
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Chair: Secretary of Natural Resources, Josh Kurtz
Coordinator: Ryland Taylor, ryland.taylor@maryland.gov

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions** **2:00 - 2:05p**
Secretary, Josh Kurtz, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Meeting Call to Order, Roll Call, and Approve Minutes from May 29, 2024 meeting.

Action: Members approve meeting minutes via vote
Materials: [DRAFT Meeting Notes ARWG 5.29.24](#)

State Delegate	Del. Dana Stein
The Conservation Fund	Erik Meyers
The Nature Conservancy	Bob Allen
UMD Sea Grant Extension	Fredrika Moser
UMD Environmental Finance Center	Brandy Espinola
MDE	Matthew Rowe
DNR	Anne Hairston-Strang
MDEM	Sara Bender
DNR	Tom Parham
MDH	Clifford Mitchell
MDP	Jason Dubow
MDA	Nadya Chehab
MDOT	Allison Breitenother
DNR	Catherine McCall
MEA	Brandon Bowser
Commerce	John Papavasiliou
MIA	Bill Fawcett

ARWG Approved Q2 meeting minutes.
Motion made by Anne Hairston-Strang
Second made by Catherine McCall

ARWG Approved simplified meeting notes accompanied by posting a recording of the meeting to YouTube, Google meet chat publication, and closed caption enabled.

Motion made by Fredrika Moser
Second made by Anne Hairston-Strang

II. Office of Resilience Update

2:05 - 2:15p

Mike Hinson, Chief Resilience Officer will provide an update on the Office of Resilience initiatives.

Action: Informative Update

Materials: None

MDEM launching online resilience toolkit in September with resilience resources including funding sources.

MDEM forming sector teams for the statewide resilience plan. Contact Summer Modelfino if interested (summer.modelfino@maryland.gov)

III. Model Climate Element Discussion

2:15 - 2:35p

Owen Bailey (Eastern Shore Land Conservancy) will present the model Climate Resilience Element (CRE) drafted in 2023. The CRE is designed to support county and town planning commissions in their comprehensive plan updates. As communities face the growing challenge of climate change and its impacts, this document serves as a tool to assist in integrating these critical considerations into planning efforts either as an added element or addressed in specific chapters. The CRE provides a list of specific strategies and action items to enhance climate resiliency, along with references to other plans and assessments which serve as exemplary models.

Action: Informative talk

Materials: Slides to be presented

IV. Equitable Funding Panel Discussion

2:35 - 3:15p

Panelists *Humna Sharif (TNC)*, *Kacey Wetzel (CBT)*, and *Mariah Davis (DNR)* will lead a panel discussion on the importance of integrating equitable funding into grant processes and strategies for putting them into practice.

Action: Panel discussion, members come prepared with questions

Materials: Slides to be presented

V. ARWG Recommendations Discussion

3:15 - 3:55p

Members will discuss potential policy recommendations to present to the MCCC for their annual report.

Action: Members come prepared to discuss ARWG recommendations for the MCCC Annual Report

Materials: None

Recommendations are due to the MCCC on September 11th

The Next Generation Adaptation Plan is finalized and has been published on the [ARWG website!](#)

Next Meeting: November 20, 2024 2-4pm

Attendance:

41 Virtual

22 In Person

1. Owen Bailey
2. Mariah Davis
3. Jackie Specht
4. Eileen Gladd
5. Kacey Wetzel
6. Catherine Mccall
7. Humna Sharif
8. Jenn Raulin
9. Anne Hariston-Strang
10. Sabine Bailey
11. Kate Vogel
12. Dylan Taillie
13. Secretary Josh Kurtz
14. Ryland Taylor
15. Sarah Lane
16. Amanda Small
17. Dr. Bill Dennison
18. Dave Nemazie