

Maryland Commission on Climate Change: Maryland Climate Teach-In

June 11, 2026



**MARYLAND
CLIMATE
TEACH-IN**

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The Maryland Climate Teach-In: Intro

The Maryland Climate Teach-In is a celebration of statewide climate change literacy and learning throughout all of April.

This month-long event encourages and supports climate education activities of all kinds – empowering educators, students, and community members to learn, discuss, and take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change.





How the Teach-In Works

1. Register for the Maryland Climate Teach-In by April 30 via online form.
2. Carry out a climate education activity or discussion during April.
3. Complete the Follow-Up Survey by Wednesday, May 20th.
4. Receive a certificate of participation and qualify for exciting prizes.

Maryland Climate Education Month: Proclamation

- Governor Wes Moore declared April 2026 as Maryland Climate Education Month.
- He issued similar proclamations for a Climate Education Week during April in 2024 and 2025.

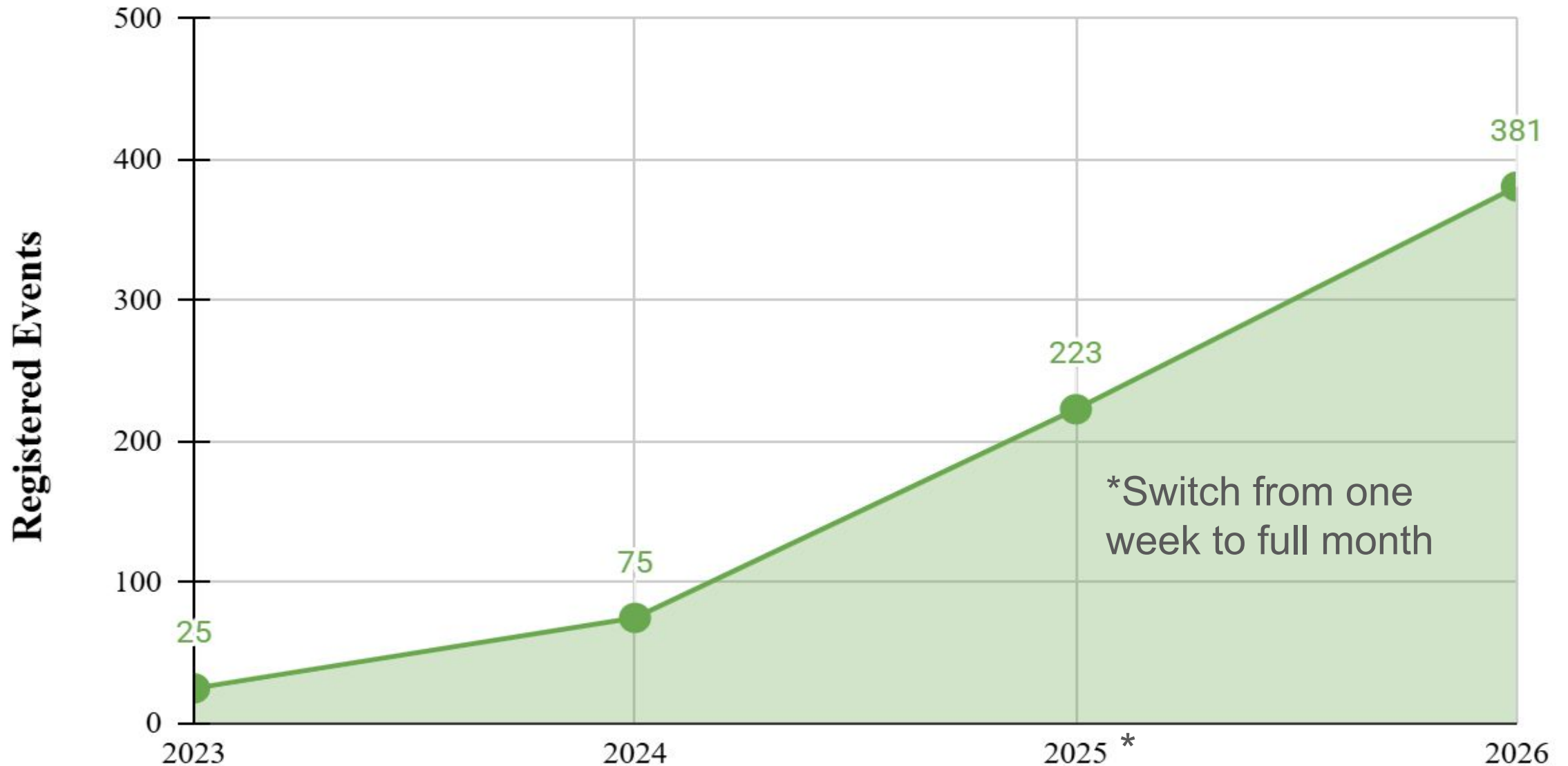


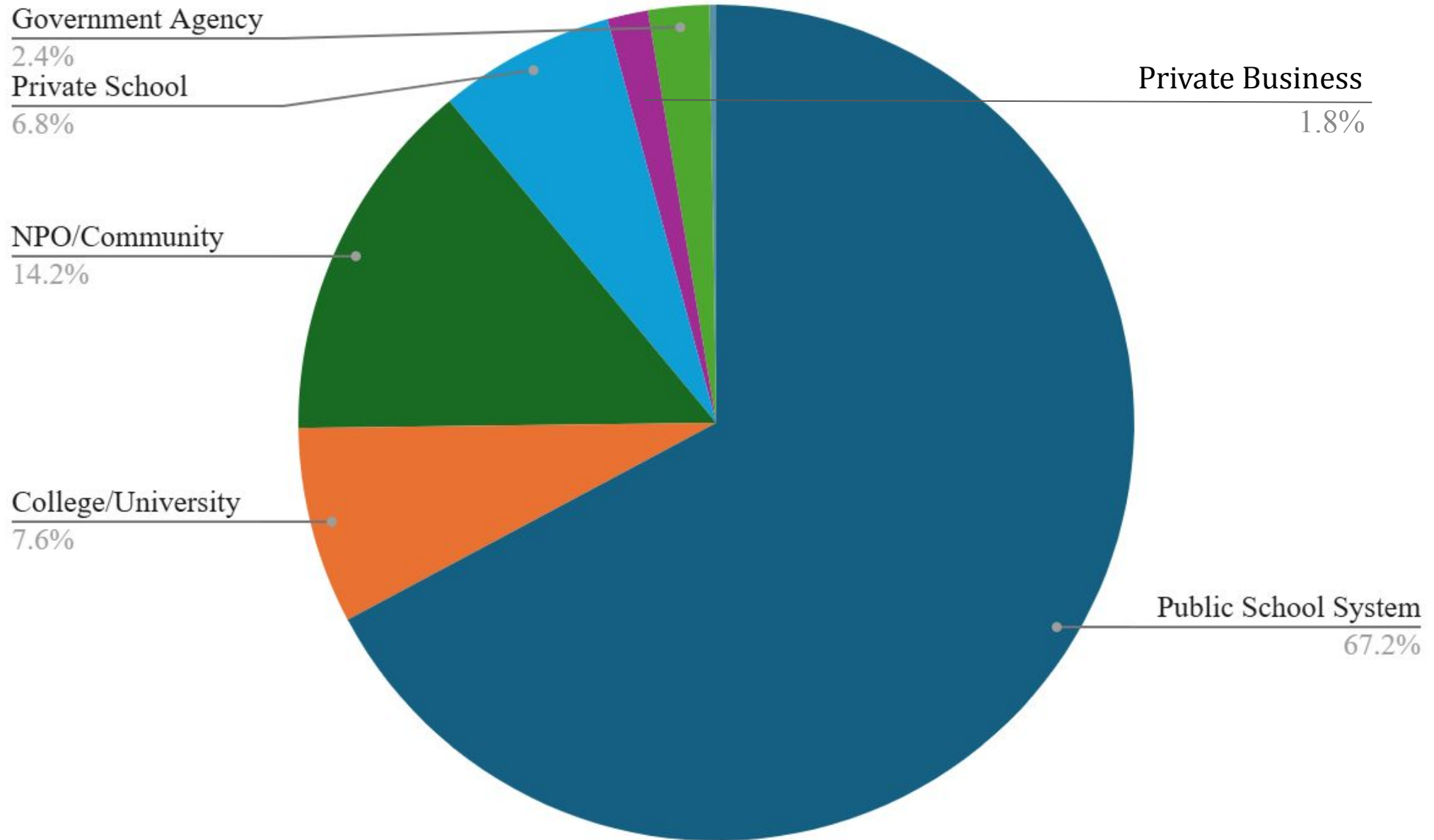
Maryland Climate Education Month: Bill

- HB620 introduced by Del. Gabriel Moreno.
- Kim Coble and Del. Moreno offered oral testimony and others submitted written testimony.
- Died in House due to a pushback against commemorative bills.
- Second time this bill was introduced, originally submitted as Climate Education Week in the 2024 session with a similar outcome.

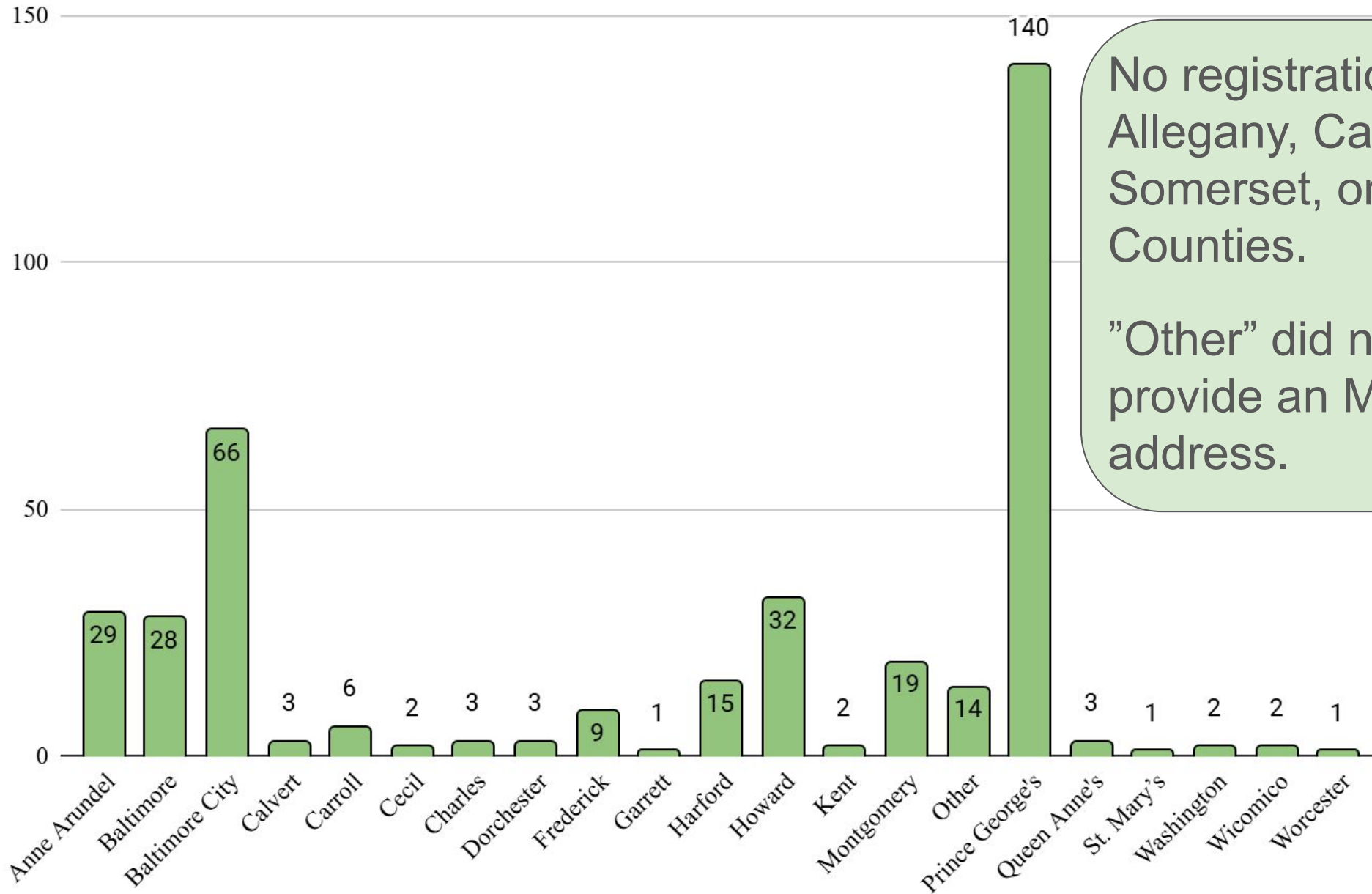


Maryland Climate Teach-In Registered Events





2026 Registered Teach-In Events



No registrations from Allegany, Caroline, Somerset, or Talbot Counties.

"Other" did not provide an MD address.

Recipe for Success: Prince George's County

- Climate Education Champion:
Donald Belle, PG County Science Supervisor
- “Upstream” outreach is effective
 - Direct connection to educators
 - Admin support gives credibility
 - Single point of contact





Partners and Sponsors

Prizes funded by donations from Sponsors:

- Constellation: \$2,000
- Mizrahi Family Charitable Fund: \$2,000
- EA Engineering: \$500

MARYLAND CLIMATE TEACH-IN PARTNERS



BALTIMORE
POLYTECHNIC
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GREAT
KIDS
FARM
BALTIMORE CITY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Maryland
Department of
the Environment



CLEAN AIR
PARTNERS
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4TH ANNUAL
CLIMATE TEACH-IN SUMMIT
APRIL 15, 2026

Prizes

- Completing the Follow Up Survey qualifies registrants for a Certificate of Completion and a chance to win prizes:
 - (2) Up to \$1,000 to cover transportation and ancillary expenses for a climate/environmental-related field trip.
 - (5) Up to \$500 each for an on-site or in-class environmental project, such as tree planting or creating a rain garden. Projects are not limited to these ideas.
 - (3) Free set of Attune Air Quality Monitors.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION



PRESENTED TO

Josey Schwartz

University of Maryland Baltimore
County (UMBC)

FOR COMPLETION OF

Maryland Climate Teach-In

April 2026



2026 Teach-In Summit at Poly

- ECO organizes one in-person event a year at a school in MD – the Summit.
- Hosted April 15 at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute by 2026 Teach-In Spokesperson, Vicki Mathew.



2026 Summit Agenda

BREAKFAST & WELCOME

Breakfast & Welcome Packets served in Room 13 **9:40 AM**

INTRODUCTION IN BANNEKER HALL

- The Occasion-Vicki Mathew (5 minutes)
 - Guest Speaker-MDE Secretary McIlwain (8 minutes)
 - Maryland Sea Grant/Fishnet - An Innovative Community Partnership (5 minutes)
- 10:00 AM**

BPI STUDENT GREEN CLUB-LED WORKSHOP SESSIONS

- Four (4) Unique Sessions @ 20 Minutes Each
- Aquaponics/PolyPonics w/Maryland Sea Grant
 - Arctic versus Local Climate Data Collection
 - Plantings to take home
 - Citizen Science Weather Monitoring w/BSEC
- 10:30 AM**

WALK TO HILLSIDE PARK 12:05 PM

LUNCH & TABLE TALK 12:30 PM

SECRETARY'S PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION/TREE PLANTING AT HILLSIDE PARK 1:00 PM

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

- Green Careers Q & A Panel... (3 careers)
 - Impact of AI on the environment in Baltimore
 - Composting in your Cafeteria
 - Nature Journaling/Sketching
- 1:25 PM**

CALL TO ACTION - CLOSEOUT 1:50 PM

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Building Capacity in the “Off Season”

- Major finding: There is an appetite for expanded climate education in MD
- Proposed next steps:
 - Explore how to build into planning for the next year academic year
 - Identify key connectors across Maryland who can serve as local and community leads

