

Maryland Commission on Climate Change ECO Working Group Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2015, 10:30 a.m. – Noon

I. Welcome/Introductions

- a. In person: Larissa Johnson – UMCES/MDE, Lauren Gentile – CCCoM, Kate Dowling – Parks and People, Tiffany Hartung – MCC, Dan Brellis – Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, David Costello – Commission, Allison Rich – MdEHN, Antoinette Forte – MDE
- b. On the phone: Julie Oberg – Dept of Ag, Coreen Weilminster – DNR

II. Action Items

- All – Please update the invitation list with Grasstops and other groups we should be inviting to each of the events:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LY7Gp4QFquO1ITVRGbv49OOZNF0YDoYTvLqGCnOItLU/edit#gid=851700362>
- Lauren – Will draft a generic invitation to the events
- Logistics team – Send Larissa a list of locations and dates by Friday, May 22nd for the May 26th meeting
- Tiffany – Will share the Google list with the Maryland Climate Coalition for input on invitees

III. Goal of the ECO Working Group and timeline from the MWG

- a. Phase 1: Meetings and public comment – July 13th – August 14th with final comments by Monday, August 31st
 - i. Amenities needed for the meetings
 - Easy parking/transportation hub
 - AV – speakers and projector
 - Seating for 50-100 people
 - Tables for organizations to share resources
 - Child Care
 - Refreshments – donated?
 - ii. Locations/Dates
 - **July 14th**- Baltimore, Green Street Charter School (Allison)
 - **July 16th**- Eastern Shore, Chesapeake Community College (Larissa)
 - **July 28th**- Western MD, Frostburg University (Larissa)
 - **August 4th**- Southern MD, a church in Calvert or Church of the Chesapeake (Joelle/Tiffany)
 - **August 6th**- DC area- Silver Spring Civic Center (Tiffany)
 - iii. Layout of the Event
 - Welcome/intro video from Sec. Grumbles (3-5 minutes)
 - Short presentation on climate, GGRA Plan (focusing on the top 10 programs), Why it matters to Marylanders (5-7 minutes)

- Short intros and a panel of a couple of commission members and a local grasstop (10 minutes)
 - Public comment (remainder of the time) – we want this to be the focal point of the event
- b. Phase 2: Reports
- i. Infographics/one pager after June 15th needed by July 13th
 - ii. Report layouts – August 14th final by September 9th
 - iii. Charts/graphs – June 15th
- c. Phase 3: Beyond October
- i. Strategic Communication Initiative of the Climate Communication Consortium of Maryland will launch in June – Renew Maryland: Clean Energy, Strong Economy, Healthy People

IV. Goals for this Meeting – Larissa

- Breakout group assignments
 - Logistics for Public Meetings – Larissa, Tiffany, Noah, Kate, Allison
 - Flyers/outreach materials – Lauren, Larissa, Tiffany, Joelle
 - Language for reports – Sam, Noah
 - Graphics for reports – Sam, Dan

V. Other State Agency Programs to Note

- a. Department of Agriculture
- i. Maryland's Best "Buy Local" program www.marylandsbest.net (encouraging consumers to buy local agricultural products)
 - ii. MD Agricultural Land Preservation Program <http://mda.maryland.gov/malpf/pages/default.aspx> (to preserve productive farmland and woodland for the continued production of food and fiber for all of Maryland's citizens).

VI. Next Meeting – Thursday, June 11th from 10:30 – 12:00 pm