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8-8:30	Registration & Continental Breakfast		
8:30-8:35	Summit Introduction	Person: Tyler Abbott, MDE, Director of the Land & Materials Administration	
8:35-9:00	Keynote of Summit	Person: Claudia Fabiano US EPA	
9-9:15 Transition Break			
9:15 – 10:30 Session #1			
Breakout Session 1a- Food for People		Breakout Session 1b- Organics Recycling	
Theme: <i>Food Recovery, Food Diversion and Food Planning - Local Jurisdiction Implementation</i>		Theme: <i>Composting - Current infrastructure and policy, what is the scope of public programs and how can that impact national and local activities and goals</i>	
Moderator	Shannon McDonald, MDE	Moderator	Brenda Platt, ILSR
Speaker 1	Beth Brewster, Caroline County Public Schools	Speaker 1	Linda Norris Waldt, USCC
Speaker 2	Catherine Nardi, Montgomery County Office of Food System Resilience	Speaker 2	Elana Goldstein, US EPA
Speaker 3	Lindsay Smith, Metro Washington COG	Speaker 3	Sophia Hosain, Baltimore City DPW
		Speaker 4	Jeffrey Neal, Loop Closing
10:30-10:45 Transition/Networking Break			
10:45-11:45 – Session 2 - Reduce Wasted Food			
Theme: <i>Food Transformation - sustainable sources, nutritious choices and reduction of waste through education and engagement.</i>			
Moderator	Dave Mrgich, MDE		
Speaker 1	Heaven Jordan, PG Food Equity Council , PG Change Makers and Life After Release Program		



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Speaker 2	Steffanie Espat, Multiscale RECIPES for Sustainable Food Systems network and MICA Center for Social Design		
Speaker 3	Luke Macaulay, University of Maryland, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources		
12:00-13:15 Lunch Break			
13:15-13:45 Session #3 Waste Diversion - State Report			
Dave Mrgich	Legislative update		
Tim Kerr	Summary of activity for the Food Residual Diversion law for the last 18 months, illustrate the reminder that 1 ton/ week became effective Jan 1, 2024 and reporting requirements		
Shannon McDonald	Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling, state workplan update		
13:45-14:00 Transition/Networking Break			
14:00 – 14:45 Session #4			
Breakout Session 4a- Agriculture and Animal Feed		Breakout Session 4b- Climate Action	
Theme: <i>Agriculture and Animal Feed - how choices in food and beverage production can reduce waste and spur the economy in other sectors and associated regulations.</i>		Theme: <i>Climate Solutions: Food Loss and Waste Prevention</i>	
Moderator	Bradley Baker, MDE	Moderator	Allison will act as her own moderator
Speaker 1	Tom Phillips, MDA	Speaker 1	Allison Tjaden, MDE's Climate Change Program
Speaker 2	Braeden Bumpers, McClintock Distilling	Speaker 2	Liv Pierce, University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center*
Speaker 3	Amy Crone, HopScratch Farm & MarketLink, National Association of Farmers Market Nutrition Program		
Speaker 4	Claire Fitch Bowdren, Forward Brewing		



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14:45-15:00 Transition/Networking Break			
15:00-16:20 Session #5			
Breakout Session 5a- Food for People		Breakout Session 5b- Organics Recycling	
Theme: <i>Private & Non-Profit Implementation of Food Recovery for People - How to enable food donation, keeping it local within the community.</i>		Theme: <i>Good, Bad, Ugly - Organics Recycling. Hear horror stories and how vertical integration creates success in a sustainable and achievable manner</i>	
Moderator	Ava Richardson , City of Baltimore Office of Sustainability	Moderator	Kristie Blumer, MD/DC Compost Council and Compost Crew
Speaker 1	Jackie Wincek , DC Central Kitchen	Speaker 1	Justen Garrity , Veteran Compost
Speaker 2	Kate Urbank , Food Rescue US	Speaker 2	Fred Sousa , Denali
Speaker 3	Tori Nefflen - So What Else	Speaker 3	Andrew Cassilly , Bioenergy Devco
Speaker 4	Sue May , Love & Cornbread	Speaker 4	Kyle Wyche , Ecotone Renewables
Speaker 5	Gregory Brown , The Land of Kush		
16:20-16:30 Transition for Closing			
16:30-17	Closing Remarks	Person: Bradley Baker, MDE	



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