

Baltimore Urban Waters Partnership

Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2014

Present:

Anne Strang – MD DNR
Anne Timm – USFS
Bob Shedlock – USGS
Bonnie Sorak – Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake
Christina Bradley - Parks and People
Claudia Friedetzky - MD Sierra Club
David Newburn – University of Maryland
Ed Doheny – USGS
Emily Majcher – USGS
Erik Dihle – Baltimore City Arborist
Gary Allen – Center for Chesapeake Communities
Gary Fisher - USFS
Jeanette Mar – US DOT
Jeff Fretwell - MDE
Jenny Guillaume – Baltimore Office of Sustainability
Jonathan Essoka – EPA Reg 3
Joy Liang – US DOT
Julie Devers – US Fish & Wildlife Service
Kim Grove – Baltimore DPW
Laura Bankey - National Aquarium
Lou Etgen – Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
Lisa Pelstring – Department of Interior
Mark Cameron - Baltimore City DPW
Mike Galvin – USFS
Miriam Avins – Baltimore GreenSpace
Morgan Grove – USFS
Nancy Jones – University of Baltimore
Seema Iyer – University of Baltimore
Steven Stewart - Baltimore County DEPS
Terry Cummings – CBF

Next meeting:

September 17th, 2014. 9:30 am @ USGS Offices, 5522 Research Park Drive, Baltimore MD 21228

I. Refreshments, welcome, intros

II. Strategic Session

a. General

i. Where we are.

1. National program

- a. Ambassadors at all sites funded for present
- 2. Local program
 - a. Ambassador renewed/funded
 - b. Burgess template elements advancing: Green Pattern Book, Mapping Tool, Models & Monitoring
- ii. What's next?

1. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. **STORM centers next major item to advance**
- b. **Need a facilitated strategic planning meeting at periodic intervals to keep a progressing vision**
- c. **Tell the Baltimore Urban Waters Story in a narrative that will engage local people**
- iii. Highlight on local project: Julie Devers, Fishery Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Julie is USFWS staff support to the Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership, a partnership of federal, state, and non governmental organizations working toward habitat restoration to benefit coastal, estuarine-dependent, and diadromous fish. USFWS, Maryland Fishery Resources Office has been collaborating with NOAA, American Rivers, and MD DNR on anadromous fish related projects on the Patapsco River for several years. Presentation @:
https://www.dropbox.com/s/4wna1v3dier6bi0/Patapsco_Devers.pptx

III. Tactical session

- a. Subgroup updates:
 - i. Green Pattern Book (GPB):
http://www.baltimoresustainability.org/sites/baltimoresustainability.org/files/GGI%20Template%20View_FINAL_Compressed_.pdf
 - 1. LID Design Competition:
<http://www.cbtrust.org/site/c.miJPKXPCJnH/b.5368633/k.BDEA/Home.htm>
 - ii. Mapping
 - 1. Baltimore Board of Estimates has approved funding for adding the Stormwater GPB typology to the Mapping tool. Timeline should be available next meeting.

2. BNIA/JFI has written up a plan with budget to build out the Mapping tool with all GPB typologies

iii. Models and Monitoring

1. Urban FIA

- a. Briefings and crew certifications are completed
- b. Plot data collection has begun. 5-year panel (data collected on 1/5th of plots annually)

2. Water Quality Monitoring Workshop on June 18th. Presentation here:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/tp2skmlzomttlii/Monitoring%20Assets%20Workshop_Update_for_Partner_Meeting.pptx

3. USGS Storm Surge Network – presentation here:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/uzimz55mdx5nnr7/USGS%20Storm%20Surge%20Network_032814.pptx

iv. Local Projects

1. Baltimore Wilderness: key documents are posted here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/gru9camj9qfsbt/AAB5wJl8g2-8tDjxoZEYnMvSa>

2. VISTA position at Masonville Cove has been confirmed.

IV. Announcements/new business

- a. ACES 2014: <http://www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/aces/>
- b. Urban Agriculture Law Conference 2014: <http://communitylaw.org/2014-urban-agriculture-law-conference>
- c. New Partners for Smart Growth 2015: <http://www.newpartners.org/>
- d. Other