

Baltimore Metropolitan Area Urban Waters Monitoring Assets Workshop

- Workshop is being held here at the USGS office on Wednesday, June 18th
- Interest has been tremendous. Attendance could push 60 plus people.
- Workshop Goals:
 - a. Inventory of urban waters monitoring assets (Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford County, Howard County, Carroll County, Anne Arundel County)
 - b. Evaluate capacity of various stations/networks to answer different assessment questions (Harbor health, Bay health, BMP implementation, etc.)

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- Workshop Goals continued:
 - c. Identify gaps in monitoring networks for achieving long term UWI goals (reconnecting people to urban waters)
 - d. Engage volunteer monitoring groups to participate in appropriate monitoring activities
 - e. Develop a plan to integrate/link knowledge on water monitoring efforts with work being done by the Mapping Tools group on neighborhood indicators.

Summary of Agenda

- Welcome/Intro/Workshop Goals
- Overview/Vision for Baltimore UWI Monitoring Strategic Plan
- Short presentations on Baltimore Region Water Monitoring Assets (Federal, State, County, NGO, Research)
- Lunch (warehouse barbeque)
- Break out groups in afternoon to initiate development of a coordinated urban waters monitoring plan for the Baltimore Metro Area
- Break out group reports
- Action items and next steps

Attendees

- Federal—USEPA, US Forest Service, USGS
- State—Maryland DNR, MDE
- Local—Baltimore County, Baltimore City, Harford, Howard, Carroll, Anne Arundel Counties
- Research—Baltimore Ecosystem Study, UMBC-CUERE, University of Baltimore
- NGOs—Blue Water Baltimore, Parks and People Foundation, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, South River Federation, Izaak Walton League