Maryland Commission on Climate Change
ECO Working Group Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2015, 10:30 a.m. – Noon

I. Welcome/Introductions
   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/1LY7Gp4QFquO1ITVRGbvc5OOZNF0YDvLgGCnOItLU/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
     o Logistics for Public Meetings – Larissa, Tiffany, Noah, Kate, Allison
     o Flyers/outreach materials – Lauren, Larissa, Tiffany, Joelle
     o Language for reports – Sam, Noah
     o 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](http://www.marylandsbest.net) (encouraging consumers to buy local agricultural products)
      ii. MD Agricultural Land Preservation Program [http://mda.maryland.gov/malpf/pages/default.aspx](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