

Governor Martin O'Malley's

Maryland Partnership for Children in Nature

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Interim State Superintendent of Schools, Maryland State Department of Education

October 24, 2011

10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallen Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902 (in the Visitors Center Auditorium)

Meeting Agenda

10:00 **Welcome** – *Stephanie Oberle, Director, Brookside Gardens & Montgomery Parks Nature Centers*

10:05 **Welcome / Introductions** – *Dr. Bernard Sadusky, MSDE*

10:20 **Planning Rally Summary** – *Britt Slattery, MD DNR*

Priority Areas of Focus for 2012 [recommended]:

- Outreach & Communication (effecting behavior change through short & long-term strategies)
- Support for schools as they develop their environmental literacy plans (involving non-formal providers, pre-service/higher education, etc.) – *Gary Hedges, MSDE*
- Communities/ community planning (trails, green space, engaging planners) – *Steve Carr, MD DNR*
- Health & food (agriculture) connections (outdoor play benefits; ag education, local food sources)

Discussion: Group input on initiatives, how ongoing activities are incorporated, opportunities for collaboration and working across initiatives; Next steps for work plan development; identify action items.

11:00 **New Partnership Agreement** – *Joe Gill, Deputy Secretary, MD DNR and Catherine Shanks, MD DNR*
Review draft outline of strengthened model for the Partnership's leadership, structure and operations, to best support implementation. Group discussion. Next steps. Identify Action Items.

11:45 **National Scale:**

- Aligning with Federal environmental literacy and children outdoors initiatives – *Britt Slattery*
- No Child Left Inside update – *Don Baugh, CBF/ NCLI Coalition*

11:50 **What's Next?**

- **Next steps and recap of action items**
- **Future meetings:** Need to set dates for 2012!
- **Upcoming events/ Announcements:**
 - Nov 2-3, [Mid-Atlantic Environmental Literacy Summit](#), Chevy Chase, MD (registration closed)
 - Nov 12, [Docs In Parks event](#), Herring Run Park, Baltimore (Greater Baltimore Children and Nature)
 - Nov 15-16, [Childhood Obesity Summit](#), Hilton, Baltimore
 - Dec 1, "[A Framework for Assessing Environmental Literacy](#)," Washington, DC, and online
 - Feb 9-12 [MAEOE Conference](#), Ocean City, MD
 - Feb 23 [Greater Baltimore Children & Nature Network](#) Conference

12:00 Adjourn general meeting / **Lunch – all participants invited**

1:00–3:00 **Afternoon session (optional) –**

facilitated by Stephanie Oberle, Brookside Gardens & Montgomery Parks Nature Centers

Forum for exchange of information and discussion of opportunities for collaboration in the areas of **health, food, and agriculture education** as they relate to children and nature. *Includes garden tour.*

Thank you to Brookside Gardens for hosting us today!