

1st MORE Commission Meeting
March 28, 2018, 5-7:00pm.
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14 Commission members present: Secretary Belton, Secretary Gill, Sean Mann, Brian Raines, Paul Edwards, Rick Decker, T.J. Jenkins, Matt Liddle, Joel Dunn, Tamika Newkirk, Cathy Bramble, Liz Fitzsimmons, Steve Green, Deborah Cankle, Walter Ficklin
2 members absent: Anna Chaney and Deanne McCue

One member slot is vacant.

Staff: Deputy Secretary Throwe, Nita Settina, Emily Wilson, Diana Carroll, Kelly Collins Choi, Scott Knoche

Public: Bill Crouch

Secretary Belton and Secretary Gill provided introductory remarks and an overview of the MORE Executive Order tasks.

Commissioner introductions

Acting Assistant Secretary Emily Wilson provided a ppt overview of Program Open Space and the State's public land system.

Commission discussion included:

- Strong support for conducting outreach sessions around the State to engage stakeholders during the first year.
- General support was voiced for creating (5) subject specific committees aligned with the EO.
- Commission agreed that a website presence should be developed to keep public current on Commission activities and opportunities for input.
- General discussion regarding the activities of 8 other States that have created similar outdoor economic commissions and offices and the value of cross-collaboration.
- J. Dunn offered to connect the Commission with an Annapolis resident who is leading the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, which recognized the outdoor recreation industry as a stand-alone sector that generated \$374B in 2016.
- T. Jenkins cited the need to measure the economic benefit of the private sector outdoor industry in Maryland.

Next meeting: Tentatively scheduled for May 14 at Woodmont NRMA, focused on Frederick and Washington counties.