

Governor Martin O'Malley's

Maryland Partnership for Children in Nature

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10 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Maryland Department of Agriculture, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401
in the Lower Level Conference Rooms 112 & 114

Meeting Agenda

- 10:00 **Welcome** – Earl F. “Buddy” Hance, Secretary, Maryland Department of Agriculture
- 10:05 **Welcome / Overview / Introductions** – Partnership co-Chairs
John Griffin, Secretary, MD DNR; Mary Cary, Assistant State Superintendent for Instruction, MSDE
- 10:15 **New Partnership Agreement – Signing Ceremony** [and photo] – Partnership co-Chairs
- 10:30 **The New Structure, Leadership, and Responsibilities** – Catherine Shanks, MD DNR
Overview of the new structure, clarify roles and process / **Discussion**
- 11:00 **Partnership Actions for 2012** – Britt Slattery, MD DNR
- **2012 Actions / Work Plan** –
Review actions listed, discuss the process for developing the plan more fully and how everyone can get more involved.
- DECISION:** The Leadership Team is asked to approve the plan and direct the Partnership to proceed with additional planning and implementation.
- 11:30
- **Updates** on recent actions (brief) –
 - Environmental Literacy webinar and regional meetings – *Julie Dieguez, MD NCLI*
 - Green Ribbon Schools – *Laura Collard, MAEOE*
 - MSDE LEA Certification Survey – *Gary Hedges, MSDE*
 - Nature Play Spaces pattern book – *Sandi Olek, DNR*
 - Docs in Parks/ Institute for a Healthiest MD – *Tom Donlin, MRPA*
 - No Child Left Inside update – *Don Baugh, CBF/ NCLI Coalition*
- 11:45 **Pledge Signing** [and photo] – Catherine Shanks, MD DNR
Partnership members commit to implementing the actions.
- 11:55 **Announcements/ upcoming events**
- Feb 9-12, [MAEOE Conference](#), Ocean City, MD
 - Feb 22, [Farm to School](#) workshop in Cambridge, MD
 - Feb 23, Greater Baltimore Children & Nature Network [Conference](#)
 - Feb 27, Maryland schools [applications](#) due for USDE's [Green Ribbon Schools Award](#)
 - ANY Day: Be a Part of "[No Child Left Inside@ Days](#)"
 - April 2-4, MD Recreation and Parks Assoc. [Annual Conference](#), Clarion Hotel, Ocean City
 - *Dates for 2012 quarterly CIN Partnership meetings: **Apr 19, July 19, Oct 18** – locations TBA*
- 12:00 **Adjourn – Thank you to Maryland Department of Agriculture for hosting!**
Lunch provided – Please visit the work group sign up sheets during lunch!