

Governor Martin O'Malley's
Maryland Partnership for Children in Nature

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[Roger W. "Pip" Moyer Community Recreation Center](#)

273 Hilltop Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403

Full Partnership Meeting Agenda

11:00 Welcome and Introductions –

Frank Dawson, Assistant Secretary (for John Griffin), Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

11:15 Ongoing Activities and Direction for the New Year: 2013 Actions (highlights) –

➤ **Environmental Literacy (EL):**

- Progress on schools' EL plans (planning survey results) – *Gary Hedges, MSDE*
- Regional EL meetings update – *Gary Hedges*
- Coordination with Higher Education Institutions – *Laurie Jenkins, Montgomery County Public Schools*
- MAEOE workshops on EL for EE providers – *Laura Collard, MAEOE*
- Mid-Atlantic EL Strategy and measuring success – *Shannon Sprague, NOAA*

➤ **Communities and Community Planning:**

- Nature Play Spaces demonstration projects – *Sandi Olek, DNR*
- County and State parks recreation plans – *Stephanie Oberle, Montgomery County Parks*

➤ **Health and Agriculture (Food) Connections:**

- Community Health Initiative overview/ next steps – *Kim Martinez, National Wildlife Federation*
- Agriculture Education – *Karen Fedor, MDA*

➤ **Promoting Outdoor Play and Learning:**

- Second annual "Celebrate MD Outdoors Days" (June) – *Britt Slattery, DNR*

➤ **Funding:** Role of the Partnership in funding CIN related work – *Jamie Baxter, Chesapeake Bay Trust*

➤ **Miscellaneous:**

- Federal Environmental Education Task Force – *Sarah Bodor, No Child Left Inside*
- Outdoor Alliance for Kids pilot study progress – *Kim Martinez, NWF*

DISCUSSION re 2013 Actions

12:15 Announcements / Upcoming Events (see list and links, next page)

- Governor's Stream Challenge
- MAEOE conference
- MD Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA) upcoming events
- Green Schools/Green Ribbon Schools
- others

12:30 Adjourn – Thank you to all for your participation

Thank you to Annapolis Recreation and Parks for hosting us today!

--- more information about upcoming meetings and events (over) ---

Please mark your calendars for additional 2013 Partnership meetings:

- Thursday, April 25 – Partnership quarterly meeting, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00, location TBA
- Thursday, July 18 – Partnership quarterly meeting, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00, location TBA
- Thursday, October 17 – Partnership quarterly AND Leadership Team meetings, times/location TBA

Upcoming events/ dates:

- Jan 31 – MD Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA) [Winter General Membership Meeting](#), **Trends in Recreation and Issues Influencing Parks and Recreation in Maryland**
- Early 2013, new RFP for [Governor's Stream Challenge grants](#) (second round of applications)
- Feb 7-10 – [MAEOE Annual EE Conference](#), Ocean City, **Educate-Engage-Energize**
- Feb 14-15 – [Chesapeake Green Horticulture Symposium](#), Maritime Institute and Conference Center
- Mar 6 – [Mid-Atlantic Farm-Based Educator's Network](#), Upper Marlboro, **Standards Alignment Workshop**
- April 16-18 – [MRPA Annual Conference](#), Ocean City, **Celebrate Maryland: Connecting People and Places**