



Maryland Outdoor Learning Partnership (OLP)

Full Partnership Meeting Agenda

Date and Time: Thursday, July 2, 2026, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Meetings of the Maryland Outdoor Learning Partnership are open to the public in accordance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act. Public participation is welcomed, and attendees are invited to share comments or ask questions during the meeting.

Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/ude-azjm-bbs>

Welcome

Member Updates

- Howard Co Conservancy (Meg Boyd):
 - Youth Climate Institute recently signed on an entire county in Colorado and added a chapter in Puerto Rico
- ANBE (Monica Wiedel-Lubinski):
 - Nature-Based Teacher Certification from the Association for Nature-Based Education training next week anbe.org/teacher-certification
- CBNERR/ DNR (Coreen Weilminster):
 - Mid-Atlantic Climate Change Education (MACCE) Conference earlier this week
 - Teachers on the Estuary- registration closes on Tues July, 7th
 - Spots remain for the Explore the Patuxent Teen Leadership Paddle the week of Aug 10-14. Reach out to Olivia Wisner if you know a high school student who might be interested.
- MAEOE (Laura Collard):
 - Thank you for support of Maryland Green Schools Program
 - MAEOE Conference Feb 5-7 in Ocean City
 - Youth Summit May 20th

Halfway Check-in & Reminders

Participants reflected on OLP's collective work and offered feedback of how we could improve going forward.

- **Strengths:**
 - Lots of learning in 2025.
 - Actions and Recommendations served as a workplan for working groups in 2026.
 - Lots of perspectives came together to develop the Actions and Recommendations.
- **Areas for Growth:**
 - A significant amount of time was spent on the process of how things work as a partnership and a working group. By the time the group started writing recommendations, the process felt rushed.
 - In hindsight, further digging should have been conducted (for example, the Career and Technical Education Pathway might not be the right angle for the College and Green Careers [CGC] working group).
 - There was uncertainty within working groups about how long they had to complete the specific OLP Actions (Ex. CGC working group Action to update the Conservation Careers Guide).
 - There is uncertainty about determining the responsible party with respect to Actions vs Recommendations. How do we move recommendations along?
- **Ongoing Questions:**
 - Many of OLP's Actions and Recommendations would benefit from outside funding and collaboration with other groups. Moving forward, how can OLP best facilitate that collaboration?
- **Action:**
 - August Working Group meetings should be used to update the timeline and approach of Actions and Recommendations. Come ready to share that at the Sep Full Partnership meeting.
 - Working Groups should be prepared to describe updates to approach in the 2026 Annual Report.

Higher Education Sub-WG Grant Application

- A subset of the Environmental and Climate Literacy (ECL) Working Group is pursuing a capacity building grant application from the Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT).
- 3 Universities piloting different models for implementing EE into their pre-service teacher training (TU, Notre Dame, UMD) with a common assessment. Faculty training components too.
- Reminder: If your working group is pursuing grant funding to support an OLP Action or Recommendation share that at a Full Partnership meeting.

Sustainable Schools Proclamation

- The Sustainable Schools Working group has been developing draft language, and is planning to submit the proclamation to the Governor's Office in Aug.
- If adopted the proclamation would establish Oct 12-16 as Sustainable Schools Week in Maryland.
- The Working Group is developing a communications plan/ flier with a packet of guidance materials so that schools have a better understanding of what a sustainable school is and how to include their sustainability.
- Sustainable Schools week is an opportunity to elevate around Green Schools and sustainability efforts generally. Next step is getting those materials read.
- Action: If you have materials to inform the guidance packet, please send them to Debbie and Laura by Aug 18th.
 - Audience: Superintendents and individual schools.
 - Flier goes to schools and could be used to share with parents and community groups.

What is ECO?

- Presentation by Amy Lambert.
- Actions: ECO Co-Chairs and OLP Co-Chairs to meet and determine how OLP and ECO can better collaborate in the future.
- Action: Future OLP meetings will include an ECO share-out during the Member Updates portion of the agenda.

Cross Working Group Discussions

- Agenda item skipped.

Closure