



Maryland Outdoor Learning Partnership (OLP) School Sustainability Working Group Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Thursday, April 10, 2025, 1:00-2:00 PM

Attendees

Laura Collard (Working Group Co-Chair), Deborah Herr Cornwell (Working Group Co-Chair), Larissa Pasco, Victoria Howard, Maria Prawirodihardjo, Mary Westlund, Payton Hesse

Welcome & Meeting Began at 1:01

Suggestions from Chesapeake Bay Program: Sustainable Schools Goal

- o Discussion on [Draft Environmental Literacy Goal, District Planning Outcome](#)
 - o OUTCOME: Continually increase the number of school districts that have policies and practices to support environmental education and sustainable Schools.
OUTPUT: By 2035, the number of school districts in each state that are more prepared to deliver a comprehensive and systemic approach to environmental literacy will increase by XX% points, with a state target of XX% being well prepared.
 - o Where will indicators of school sustainability live in this outcome? Shall LEA sustainability plans support the measure of preparedness?
 - o Past and possible indicators of school sustainability includes: [Maryland Green Schools](#), ED-GRS honorees, LEED Certified Schools, school decarbonization efforts.



Goals and Priorities as Defined by the OLP Executive Order

- o The EO also states that “**reducing the impact** of Maryland's school buildings and grounds on their local watershed fosters an **environmental stewardship ethic** among students, builds community resilience, and **prepares** the State's communities for climate impacts.”
- o Three areas of a balanced approach to our work: 1) reducing impact (e.g. infrastructure such as IAC, solar, shell); 2) long term planning and goals (including tracking progress); 3) fostering environmental stewardship ethic.

Items for Next Meeting Agenda and Next Steps

- o Possible topics:
 - o 5 minutes for sharing from WG members about their work and 5 minutes for questions (overall goals and resources that each of our organizations can offer and whom we work with and our current gaps or needs); tentatively Victoria sharing in June and then Maria and Larissa in August)
 - o Bringing in outside presenters (ex. June suggestion: update from ELit working group to determine overlap and their goals and how they are supporting the CBP District Planning Outcome.)
 - o Opportunities for support for Green Ribbon Schools
 - o Defining outputs from this WG about what school sustainability means and the varied ways that schools can be sustainable
 - o Doodle poll to be expected for June meeting

Meeting Closed at 2:07