

Governor Martin O'Malley's

Maryland Partnership for Children in Nature

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July 28, 2011
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Maryland State Department of Education, Conference Room 6 (8th Floor)
200 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD 21201

Meeting Agenda

10:00 Welcome / Introductions/ Overview

Secretary John Griffin, DNR and Mary Cary, Assistant State Superintendent for Instruction, MSDE

10:15 Children In Nature Initiatives – Updates and Discussion:

10:15 – 10:50 Environmental Literacy implementation and support for school systems

Gary Hedges, MSDE and Jamie Baxter, Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT)

PROGRESS REPORT: Overview of guidance materials and process underway to support E-Lit programs in schools and for EE providers. Discussion of opportunities for Partnership input.

NEXT STEPS/ DISCUSSION: Implementation of E-Lit programs in schools; Partnership's role:

- Communicating E-Lit requirements to LEAs – How will MSDE be communicating with superintendents/LEAs about the graduation requirement?
- MSDE oversight of LEA E-Lit programs – What is process for ensuring that school systems are meeting requirements, timeline for reporting, how will results be shared?
- Race to the Top Funding – How might this support E-Lit programs, what is the possibility of integrating E-Lit with STEM initiative?

10:50 – 11:10 Summary of Community and Public Lands Initiatives – *Britt Slattery, MD DNR*

PROGRESS REPORT: Overview of accomplishments, actions and priorities.

NEXT STEPS/ DISCUSSION: Work plan development process, timeline, decision.

11:10 The Partnership's Structure/ Leadership – *Catherine Shanks, MD DNR*

What is the most effective organization to support implementation? – discussion/ decision.

11:30 Federal Efforts and MD's Role – *Shannon Sprague, NOAA Environmental Literacy Manager*

11:40 What's Next?

- **Recap decisions and action items from today.**
- **Future meetings:**
 - Partnership Planning Rally, TBA August or September
 - October 24 [NEW DATE], full Partnership quarterly, Brookside Gardens, Wheaton
- **Announcements:**
 - No Child Left Inside Act reintroduction – *Don Baugh, CBF/ NCLI Coalition*
- **Upcoming events:**
 - **TODAY July 28, 5-7 pm:** MDNCLI / CBT E-Lit Celebration, CBF Merrill Center, Annapolis
 - October 12-15, NAAEE Conference, Raleigh-Durham, NC
 - Nov 2-3, Chesapeake Bay Program Education Summit, Chevy Chase

12:00 Adjourn meeting – **All are encouraged to continue discussions together over lunch off-site.**

Thank you to MSDE for hosting us today