

# Maryland Partnership for Children in Nature

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## May 5, 2016 – Quarterly Partnership and Leadership Team Meeting

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

at Maryland Department of Natural Resources,  
580 Taylor Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401 (main conference room off the lobby C-1)

### Agenda

#### 10:00 Welcome –

- Joanne Throwe, Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Dr. Henry Johnson, MD State Dept. of Education, Interim Deputy Superintendent/ Chief Academic Officer
- Introductions (all)

#### 10:10 Advancing Environmental Literacy in Maryland –

- **Chesapeake Bay Program Leadership Summit on Environmental Literacy** – Shannon Sprague, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office, Chesapeake Bay Program E-Lit Workgroup Chair  
→ Summary of the meeting, impressions from participants, outcomes and follow-up action items.
- **Action Plans and Commitments** –
  - **Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement Environmental Literacy 2-Year Action Plans for Maryland** – Shannon Sprague, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office  
→ Brief overview of the status of the plan, general roles of partners and the Partnership, and reporting.
  - **The Partnership's 2-Year Action Plan** – Britt Slattery, MD DNR  
→ Review of highlights of the new CIN plan for 2016-2017, and how it aligns with and helps achieve the Chesapeake Bay E-Lit Plan. This plan includes work in both environmental literacy (in schools) and community access to nature (outside of school). New subcommittees are forming to achieve these actions. Partners' roles and involvement will be discussed.  
→ Decision: Leadership Team will be asked to comment on and approve (or adjust) the plan.

#### 11:15 Ongoing Progress – Updates from work groups:

- Environmental Literacy – Laurie Jenkins, Montgomery County Public Schools
- Community Planning and Access to Nature – Sandi Olek, MD DNR
- Upcoming full Partnership meetings – **Special format** to engage the group in considering specific topics:
  - July 20 – focus on equity and connecting communities to parks.
  - October 26 (includes Leadership Team) – focus on transportation funding and practices to contribute to increasing school and community access to nature/parks.

#### 11:45 General Announcements

#### 12:00 Adjourn – Thank you to all participants

#### Next meetings:

July 20, Baltimore, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm;  
October 26, location TBA, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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