



# Environmental Health Action Team Meeting

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Radon Project
3. Food Mapping Project
4. Partner Updates

# Attendance

- Japan Bhalja - St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD)
- Bill Roberts - St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Christie Taylor - Seedco
- Stephanie Freeman - SMCHD
- Christina Bishop - Recreation & Parks
- Brenda Wolcott - MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
- Jacquie Heaney - SMCHD

# Radon

- Commission on the Environment planning to propose local legislation to Commissioners
  - Japan developed a policy brief. We can use this as support for local legislation proposal.
  - Can provide a letter of support as well.
  - Their next meeting is July 1 at 6:30 if anyone wants to listen in for updates.
- Test Kits
  - Ideas for pushing out communications materials for \$3 test kit program?
    - Flyer to team members for sharing with different groups
    - Flyer to real estate agents to share with their clients
    - Ask realtors about data/numbers of houses that are being tested.
    - Jacquie will work to see if there is a contact list already developed for local real estate agents.

# Food Mapping

- Sue started database of retail sites & food pantries for gis map
  - Starting [google sheet](#) to include farmers' markets/farm stands, food distribution sites (including school meal program).
  - Please take a moment to add locations to this google sheet.
- Developing narrative document so that we can identify gaps and identify organizations/groups to address these gaps. The second tab in the google sheet linked above is available for comments/suggestions to guide this narrative.
- Subcommittee discussed potentially collaborating with the Chronic Disease Action Team to provide nutrition information and links to local organizations that offer nutrition education on the webpage where the map is available.
- The team discussed reaching out to other interested/related organizations once the map is complete so they can link the map on their websites/social media.
- The team discussed a potential local data collection project to help bolster this project and identify food insecurities in our community that may not be captured in the national data collection.

# Partner Updates

- MSMH Community Health Needs Assessment will be released at the end of June.
- MSMH is increasing their vaccine distribution efforts. They are hosting vaccine events with organizations for their staff/consumers.
- R&P has developed a citizen stakeholder group for the Snow Hill Park master planning process.
- R&P's summer camps have increased numbers as the state has changed regulations.
  - Currently children at camps inside have mask/social distancing guidelines.
- Lots of planning happening for the Lexington Manor Passive Park - there is a plan for community gardens to be included.
- Christie is preparing a database to send out newsletter to partners on Connecting Kids to Coverage information. Email her if you would like to receive this newsletter. All appointments by phone as of right now.
- Public comment period for Draft Healthy St. Mary's 2026 Plan is open through June 18.
- Save the Date for the 2021 Virtual HSMP Annual Meeting!
  - We will be having a Virtual Exhibit Hall for the Annual Meeting. Complete the interest form here!

# Communications

- **Submit event and news updates/information at:**  
<http://healthystmarys.com/newsletter/> or email  
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# Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, July 21, 2021 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.