



Environmental Health Action Team Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Review of Draft Healthy St. Mary's 2026
3. MDE Radon Presentation
4. Food Mapping Project
5. Partner Updates

Attendance

- Christi Bishop - Recreation & Parks
- Sue Veith - Department of Economic Development
- Christie Taylor - Seedco
- Stephanie Freeman - St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD)
- Bill Roberts - St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM)
- Brenda Wolcott - MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
- Thomas Brewer - SMCM
- Stacey Morgan - SMCHD
- Kwasi Bosompem - Department of Land Use & Growth Management
- Jacquie Heaney - SMCHD
- Howard Perry - Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)
- Kiera Saleem - MDE
- Mary McCormick - MDE
- Roger Champion - MDE

Review of Draft Healthy St. Mary's 2026

- Draft
 - The team reviewed the Environmental Health objectives and strategies sections and provided suggested edits.
 - Map the Meal Gap resource.
 - There was discussion around utilizing student interns and students that need high school service hours to help with some of these projects.
 - Bill shared this book on wastewater, climate change, and racial inequities.
 - If you have any further suggested edits please email Jacquie before May 28.
- Action items:
 - Review layout.
 - Review goals set.
 - Review categorization of strategies.
- Planned Public Comment Period: June 7 - 18
 - Please share on your organization's social media

MDE Radon Presentation

- Welcome to the team from MDE!
- Presentation
- Next Steps?
 - Legislation on required radon testing upon real estate sale
 - Commission on the Environment is recommending this to the Commissioners.
 - Opportunity to provide a letter of support to the Commission's recommendation.
 - Test Kits
 - Can we find funding to purchase a bulk amount of tests to hand out for free at community events?
 - Can utilize MDE communications materials to increase awareness of the \$3 test kit program.

Food Mapping

- Suggestions from Sue on 'What to Map'
 - Where a person in need can go to sign up for WIC, Senior, SNAP, and FNMP programs
 - Outlets for obtaining free groceries
 - Outlets for obtaining free meals
 - Farm markets
 - Farm stands
 - Retail food outlets
 - Grocery stores
 - Discount stores
 - Corner markets
 - Restaurants
 - Fast food restaurants
 - STS transit routes in relation to the above
 - Events where food drives routinely occur
 - Where to take food donations
 - Address, hours, contact number
 - Can someone pick up donations from your location
- The subcommittee will meet prior to the June action team meeting to work out some of the details of this project. If you are interested in joining the subcommittee to work on this project please email Jacquie.

Partner Updates

- Foundation for the North County Farm Market has been poured!
 - RFP coming soon for management entity for the site.
- DED is looking at funding for bike mapping for the county.
- MSMH recently received funding from HSCRC for community vaccines. They are hosting a clinic with the pfizer vaccine (so ages 12+ are eligible) on Tuesday, May 25 at East Run Medical Center.
 - Call Health Connections to register.
- There is a nonprofit COVID relief grant available now on DED webpage (even division of \$375,000).

**2021 VIRTUAL
HEALTHY ST. MARY'S
PARTNERSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER
30
2021**

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



**SAVE
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DATE**

Communications

- **Submit event and news updates/information at:**
<http://healthystmarys.com/newsletter/> or email
stmaryspartnership@gmail.com
- **Follow HSMP on Social Media**
 - Facebook: Healthy St. Mary's Partnership
 - Twitter: @HealthyStMarys

Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, June 16, 2021 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.