



# Environmental Health Action Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Food Insecurity
3. Transportation - Bike Share Program
4. Partner Updates

# Introductions

- Shan Chen - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Cristina Val Perez - DNR F5
- Jacquie Wells - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Sue Veith - St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development
- Ben Cohen - Land Use & Growth Management
- Courtney Jenkins - Land Use & Growth Management
- Margaret Williams - St. Mary's County Health Department
- James Henry - Gift 2 Uplift
- Laura Carrington - Transportation Advisory Committee
- Kimberly Thorpe - Smart Wiley Wheels
- Thomas Brewer - St. Mary's College of Maryland

# Food Insecurity

- Please continue to share the [Food Connection Map](#) with other partners and community members!
- St. Mary's County Food Security Report
  - Please share the [Food Security survey](#) and [webpage](#)!
    - We have received 193 responses as of 9/21/22.
  - The next Stakeholder Forum will be on Monday, 9/26/22 at 1:00 p.m. at Lexington Park Library.
  - Survey distribution discussion
    - Any additional survey ideas for distribution?
      - Cristina to send to Commission on the Environment
      - Riverfest on 9/24
      - Facebook social groups (Air force, military)
      - Bus/STS
- Advocacy Update
  - HSMP to advocate for codifying controls in designated food desert areas and setting zoning standards
    - Will include the following in advocacy letter:
      - Encouraging urban agriculture;
      - Expanding farmers' markets;
      - Improving the food environment around schools and recreation centers; and
      - Establishing "healthy food zoning requirements"
    - Any additional pieces?
      - Agroforestry around schools, giving schools initiatives to maintain fruit trees
      - Fruit trees around LMPP Community Garden
      - LUGM to research on zoning ordinances and follow up
    - James (Gift 2 Uplift 2) would like to be involved in drafting an advocacy letter in tandem and volunteer his youth organization for planting trees

# Transportation - Bike Share Program

- Jacquie presented at the BIAC Meeting on September 8
- Discuss next steps
  - Searching for a point of contact with someone in Charles and Calvert County
    - Calvert
      - Jenny, Julie Oberg
    - Charles
      - Mark Belton
    - Alec Young (New CPLD at base)
    - Leonardtown
    - Amy Davis (Calvert Social Services, CSM La Plata)
  - Kimberly Thorpe (Smart Wiley Wheels) willing to work on contracts to fund bikes

# Partner Updates

- TAC is launching a ridership survey on STS buses in the Spring.
- LUGM is launching a youth survey at the county fair.
- HSMP - Annual meeting is next Thursday Sept 29 from 8:00am-4:00pm. Register [here!](#) There will be vendor tables, and speakers discussing resilience, food security, the LMPP Community Garden, community gun violence, cooking classes! Lunch available for purchase - link available soon. There will be a walk audit and opportunity to check out the new telehealth booths at the Lexington Park Library.
- HSMP Co-chair nominations will be pushed out and elections will be taking place soon!
- Cristina - In charge of the 500,000 trees initiative to be planted in underserved areas. Looking at heat islands and to incorporate agroforestry into urban areas. If you are interested in having Cristina coming over to do a site assessment, please [reach out!](#)
- Gift 2 Uplift 2 is working with youth groups and looking to develop a ball field for the tri-county area, doing mentoring field trips, developing an extracurricular center focusing on agriculture education, healthy habits and eating.

# Communications

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

# Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, October 19, 2022 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.