



# Environmental Health Action Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

# Introductions

- [Click here](#) to access the attendee list!

## Partner Updates

- SMCHD's Maternal, Child, and Elder Health Team is beginning to plan for the next Community Baby Shower in the Spring.
- One of Terri's out of school time clubs is renting a plot in the new Lexington Manor Passive Park Community Garden!
- The Lexington Manor Passive Park Community Garden is moving forward with construction. Work days are being planned for February ahead of an early Spring opening of the garden. Click [here](#) to view the flyer!

# Agenda

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# Updates on Previous EHAT Projects

- Walking Maps & Resources [webpage](#)
  - Please help us to share this resource with our [flyer](#) and [postcard](#)!
  - Distribution methods discussed included:
    - Michael Martinez will share with his congregation
    - Dr. Offices Waiting Rooms
    - Libraries
  - Shan and Sue are continuing to work on the Interactive Walking Maps on the webpage.
- Walking Group
  - Due to the weather, the walking groups will resume in March.
- [Food Connection Map](#)
  - Updated last month! If you would like to submit an update, complete this [form](#). Updates will be made on a quarterly basis.
- Healthy Food Drive Toolkit
  - Continuing to work on our draft [article](#) on repurposing food waste.
- Food Pantry Platform is in progress. We had an informational session with several pantries in December to get their feedback and are working on a few minor updates to the platform before launch.

# 2024 HSMP Advocacy Agenda

- Chesapeake Climate Action Network is hosting weekly RENEW Act Coalition Meetings
  - Every Monday from 1:00-2:00 PM
  - Virtual meetings (Zoom)
  - If you would like to join these meetings, please contact HSMP.
- CCAN is looking to recruit constituents to speak to their legislators about the urgency of passing the RENEW Act. They will be holding an in-person lobby night on Monday, February 19th in Annapolis and a virtual lobby training on Thursday, January 25th to prepare for it. Contact James Brady for more information.

# 2024 Brainstorming

- What organizations are missing from the action team?
  - Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake
    - The team discussed offering them to do a partner spotlight at a future meeting.
  - Master Gardeners
  - Partner with students as volunteers for events/clean-ups/food drives, etc.
- What would make the EHAT meetings more beneficial for you?
  - The team discussed using the meetings as working meetings and having more presentations.
- What specifically are you passionate about related to Environmental Health? Some examples share by the team include:
  - Transportation - medical piece
  - Food Security

# 2024 Brainstorming (continued)

- The team spent time reviewing the Health St. Mary's 2026 plan and the Environmental Health Objectives and Strategies.
  - Action item: Using the resources below as well as your own resources and bring an idea for the action team's 2024 work to the February meeting.
    - Annual Meeting's Interactive Planning Session on Food Security
    - Exploring Action Team Level Strategies (page 18) in the Healthy St. Mary's 2026 Plan
    - Other potential topics?
      - Indoor air
      - Waste management in Lexington Park



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# Upcoming Meetings

- **Wednesday, February 21, 2024 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**
- Interested in being in our Partner Spotlight? [Sign up here!](#)