



# **Environmental Health Action Team Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Partner Updates
3. Updates on Previous EHAT projects
4. 2024 HSMP Advocacy Agenda
5. 2024 Brainstorming

# Introductions

- [Click here](#) to access the list of meeting attendees!

## Partner Updates

- Chesapeake Bay Trust is now accepting applications for its [Urban Trees Grant Program](#). Watch the recorded informational webinar [here](#).
- Lexington Manor Passive Park Community Garden is holding its [Open House](#) event on March 2! There will also be a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Cherry Blossom Festival on April 6! For more info on the garden, [click here](#).
- HSMP's Chronic Disease Action Team is partnering with Shaniqua Cousins to host a healthy [cooking demonstration](#) this Friday, February 23.
- Bag Hunger SoMD will be Saturday, Sept 28. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is reaching out to organizations in Annapolis as well as the governor's office for support. If your organization is able to provide logistical support on guidance and distribution, email [Mike Martines](#).
- Land Use and Growth Management is updating their long range transportation plan for the Metropolitan Planning Organization. If you have any comments or questions, contact [Karly Maltby](#).
- Save The Date for [St. Mary's County 2024 Earth Day](#) on April 20 at Summerseat Farm! If you'd like to volunteer to table, reach out to [HSMP](#).

# Updates on Previous EHAT Projects

- Walking Maps & Resources [webpage](#):
  - Please help us to share this resource with our [flyer](#) and [postcard](#)!
  - Shan and Sue are continuing to work on the Interactive Walking Maps.
- HSMP Walking Group
  - The walking groups will resume in March in Leonardtown and Lexington Park. They will take place on a Wednesday and Saturday of each month! Look for updates on our [walking resources page](#)!
- [Food Connection Map](#)
  - If you would like to submit an update, complete this [form](#). Updates will be made on a quarterly basis.
- [Healthy Food Drive Toolkit](#)
  - HSMP staff is currently working on draft articles on how to reduce food waste, and how to host a healthy food drive to share in Department of Economic Development's upcoming newsletter.
- The Food Pantry Platform is looking to host its next info session with the food pantries this spring. HSMP Staff is working to create their profiles.

# 2024 HSMP Advocacy Agenda

- Chesapeake Climate Action Network continues to host its weekly RENEW Act Coalition Meetings
  - Virtual Meetings every Monday from 1:00-2:00 PM
    - If you would like to join these meetings, please contact HSMP.
      - Karly Maltby volunteered to attend on behalf of HSMP.
- Updates - There is now a draft of the testimony in support of bill numbers SB0958 and HB1438!
- CCAN is looking to recruit constituents to speak to their legislators about the urgency of passing the RENEW Act. They held an in-person lobby night on this past Monday, in Annapolis.

# 2024 Brainstorming

- The following organizations have been contacted to participate in our action team: Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, Master Gardeners.
- While reviewing the action team level strategies (page 18) from the Healthy St. Mary's 2026 report, the action team discussed in detail environmental health initiatives that they would like to work on this year.
  - The following topics were solidified:
    - Food security, food waste & composting
    - Addressing issues with trash in Lexington Park

# Communications

**The Healthy St. Mary's Partnership Newsletter** is distributed every two weeks and highlights information on the four health priority areas for St. Mary's County. Sign up or share information with our members!



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# Upcoming Meetings

- **Wednesday, March 20, 2024 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**
- Interested in being in our Partner Spotlight? [Sign up here!](#)