

AGENDA

Purpose:

To inform the development of an inclusive management strategy for the Sustainable Schools Outcome of the new Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) Agreement and assist jurisdictions in identifying actions and drafting plans to address the outcome

DAY ONE- “Painting the Local Picture”

The first day will be devoted to sharing background information and familiarizing attendees with the work of the CBP, national sustainable schools programs, and jurisdictional-level efforts. The goal is to identify potential actions jurisdictions can take to advance the Sustainable Schools Outcome, as well as needs that the CBP could address.

10:00 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, REVIEW NEW BAY PROGRAM AGREEMENT, MANAGEMENT STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT & TIMELINE

- Kevin Schabow, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office

11:00 National Level Sustainable Schools Programs Panel

Representatives from several national level programs will respond to questions about how their programs operate in the Mid Atlantic

- Kim Martinez- National Wildlife Federation Eco Schools
- James McGirt-Project Learning Tree Green Schools
- Jenny Wiedower -Center for Green Schools
- Andrea Falken-US Department of Education

12:15 LUNCH

1:15 Results of Pre-Workshop Calls

An overview of the pre-workshop calls conducted with each jurisdiction will be presented. Bay-wide trends and common themes will be discussed.

- Medessa Burian-University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center
- Lorna Rosenberg, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1:45 Jurisdictional Level Collaboration

Groups will break out to identify/refine a vision and explore how their jurisdiction or organization will implement the vision and contribute to the management strategy. Current gaps in efforts and resource/technical assistance/collaboration needs will be identified.

3:45 BREAK

4:00 Report outs from previous session

The group will reconvene to report on their jurisdictional discussion.

5:00 ADJOURN

5:30 Group Hike (optional)

Join us for a quick jaunt on one of six NCTC hiking trails

DAY 2-“Thinking Regionally”

The goal of day two is to identify concrete actions the CBP should take in the management strategy as well as opportunities for both state and non-profits to collaborate

8:30 Day One Recap and report on of common themes and visions

- *Kevin Schabow*

8:45 Tools and programs for supporting Sustainable Schools

We will explore the potential of several programs and initiatives that could support this effort regionally

- *Lorna Rosenberg, EPA-Municipal Separate Storm Water System Program*
- *Laura Collard/Julie Dieguez/Karen Kelly Mullin-School Grounds for Learning*
- *Shannon Sprague, NOAA-Environmental Literacy Indicator Tool*
- *Cat Stylinski-Mid Atlantic Sustainable Schools Field Scope*
- *Kim Martinez-Eco Schools USA Dashboard*

10:00 Priority Area Breakouts

Individuals will self-select among 3-4 priority areas/opportunities for collaboration identified by the group for deeper discussion.

11:30 Lunch

12:30 Report Outs, facilitated discussion, next steps

Groups will reconvene to review work from the breakouts and give recommendations to CBP education workgroup leadership about the management strategy. Next steps for the development of the strategy, including timeline and approval process, will also be covered.

2:00 Adjourn

Sustainable School Outcome:

“Continually increase the number of schools in the region that reduce the impact of their buildings and grounds on their local watershed, environment and human health through best practices, including student-led protection and restoration projects.