

**Environmental Sustainability Board**  
**Robinson Nature Center**  
**October 8th, 2015**  
**7:00 pm**

**Attendees:**

Name	Association
Cathy Hudson	ESB
Olivia Farrow	ESB
Ed Wilson	ESB
Betsy Singer	ESB
Cathy Hudson	ESB
Chein-Chi Chang	ESB
Catherine Strawley	ESB
Mark Southerland	ESB
Sherman Howell	ESB
John Dove	ESB
Lindsay DeMarzo	OCS
Elissa Reineck	OCS
Rachel Beebe	OCS
Bill Mahoney	OCS
Susan Overstreet	DPZ, Resource Conservation Division

**Welcome:**

At 7:10pm, Vice Chair Cathy Hudson welcomed the meeting's attendees and initiated a round of introductions.

**Presentation:**

**Green Infrastructure Network Update 2015** – Bill Mahoney (OCS), Lindsay Demarzo (OCS), Susan Overstreet (Department of Planning and Zoning- Resource Conservation Division)

Bill Mahoney presented on Howard County's Green Infrastructure Network (GIN). Bill was assisted by Lindsay DeMarzo who co-wrote the GIN Plan, co-mapped the network, and is now working on the Patrick Farm Project - a stream restoration project falling within the boundaries of the GIN. Susan Overstreet, the county's point person on the GIN also assisted by responding to questions that were better suited for her than for Bill or Lindsay. Susan has led GIN efforts including co-writing the GIN Plan and co-mapping the network with Lindsay.

Information on the GIN is available @ <http://livegreenhoward.com/green/land/green-infrastructure/> and you can request a copy of the PowerPoint presentation from this meeting by emailing Bill Mahoney @ [wmahoney@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:wmahoney@howardcountymd.gov)

The presentation discussed the GIN's purpose, mapping criteria, priorities, indicators of success, protection and enhancement tools, work with Biohabitats (including corridor monitoring and Habitat

Management Plan Development), and local projects that relate to the GIN such as: the Greater Baltimore Wilderness Council, the Partnership for Action Learning in Sustainability, and stream restoration on the Patrick Farm.

There was some consensus that the County needs to do a better job educating citizens about the existence and importance of the GIN. OCS has a role to play in this and Bill Mahoney will begin pushing the GIN through social media more frequently as well as searching for more outreach opportunities.

**Acting Director's Report** (Lindsay DeMarzo)-

The Farm Academy is launching this fall with three Saturday events. The 1<sup>st</sup> was 10-10-15 at TLV Tree Farm. The second was 10-17-15 at the Central Maryland Research Center. The third will be 10-24-15 at Gorman Farm in Laurel. For more information contact Elissa Reineck @ [Ereineck@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:Ereineck@howardcountymd.gov)

The United Way will grant the Roving Radish \$48k in 2016!

Rachel Beebe announced that the County received a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to install residential stormwater packages (rain gardens as well as rain barrels and other BMP options) in the Northern Little Patuxent subwatershed. She estimates that 50-75 stormwater packages can be installed through this grant. The grant is meant to target low income homeowners. If there are not enough low income homeowners to spend all of the money, it will be rolled into the CleanScapes program for use in the same geographic area. For more information contact Rachel Beebe @ [Rbeebe@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:Rbeebe@howardcountymd.gov)

The stormwater conveyance stairway behind the Brewery in Ellicott City got a lot of use at the Ellicott City Fall Festival. The project will soon be getting some kind of signage.

The theme of this year's GreenFest will be "Eat Local" or "Buy Local, Be Local" or something along those lines.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm.