

Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board Meeting
Robinson Nature Center, Columbia MD
4/14/16
7-9pm

Attendees

Name	Affiliation
Chris Tsien	ESB
Olivia Farrow	ESB
Mark Southerland	ESB
Georgia Eacker	ESB
Ned Tillman	ESB
Ed Wilson	ESB
Betsy Singer	ESB
Kelly Hensing	ESB
Bill Mahoney	OCS

Minutes

7:05pm

Chair Ned Tillman started the meeting by inviting all to share upcoming events and updates from various task forces and committees.

Upcoming events:

GreenFest will be on April 16th, 2016. Bike to Work day will be Friday, May 20th, 2016.

There will be a Complete Streets Event at Merriweather Post Pavillion, October 1st, 2016.

The Chesapeake Business Forum will be May 24th, 2016.

Task force and Committee updates:

Mark Southerland updated the Board on the Commercial Stormwater Solutions Work Group which includes big and small businesses in an effort to develop incentives for improvements in stormwater management on commercial properties. A report is expected in December.

Ed Wilson updated the Board on the Energy Task Force, which is meeting the first Tuesday morning of each month in the George Howard Building. During the next meeting subcommittees will be sharing findings and discussing which issues seem most appropriate to address. More info available here:

<http://livegreenhoward.com/green/energy/energy-task-force/>

Mark Southerland summarized some points from a recent conference on the effects of road salts on the environment and infrastructure. MDE is looking at making salt a water quality criterion in pollution diets.

8:00pm

The Board discussed CR 31-2016. Ned explained that the legislation was amended to allow the Board to

put together a group to evaluate the current mold reports and develop a report, which will be due in September. The first step will be for the Board to confirm what the appropriate documents are for their review and to obtain those documents. Bill Mahoney will request those documents from the appropriate parties.

8:30pm

Betsy Singer gave the board a short update on the MD legislative session.

Governor Hogan signed the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act.

An act benefitting Program Open Space was passed.

The MD neonicotinoid ban passed.

9:00pm

Meeting Adjourned