

Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board Meeting  
Robinson Nature Center – Columbia, MD  
April 11, 2019  
7pm-9pm

### Attendees

Jim Caldwell	Office of Community Sustainability (OCS)
Chris Tsien	Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB)
Ann Strozyk	ESB
Amber Butler	ESB
Nancy McAllister	ESB
Kelly Hensing	ESB
Olivia Farrow	ESB
Kevin Porter	Citizen
Glenn Schneider	Horizon Foundation
Matt Hoover	OCS

### Minutes

7:07 PM – Olivia Farrow began the meeting and had everyone from around the room introduce themselves.

#### 1.) **Complete Streets – Horizon Foundation: Glenn Schneider**

The goal of “Complete Streets” is to have roads that accommodate pedestrians, bicyclist, transit riders and drivers. People who live near bike paths and trails are fifty percent more likely to use them. “Complete Streets” are good for health, equity, the environment and are good for business. Transportation is the number one cause of the carbon footprint and integrating “Complete Streets” into our community designs will help reduce our carbon impacts.

The Horizon Foundation completed a walk audit in Guilford with about 100 people. Many areas in Guilford don’t have sidewalks. While completing the audit, there were many instances where they had to use busy roadways as a connection to get to their destination, because there were no sidewalks or trails. In Guilford, some schools have busing for children that live less than a mile away, because they don’t have a safe way to walk or ride a bike to school.

The Horizon Foundation has held four open street festivals to promote “Complete Streets” and have had four thousand people attend these events. They have over 2000 citizens and 43 organizations that think the county should support bikeways.

The Horizon Foundation sees its next goals as making “Complete Streets” into a law. Anne Arundel County and Baltimore County passed “Complete Street” resolutions with little effect after they passed laws governing “Complete Streets” improvements started to happen.

## 2.) Director's Report – Jim Caldwell

- The Howard County Office of Community Sustainability website, Live Green Howard, won a [Horizon Interactive Award](#) for best of government. There were over 800 entries from 37 U.S. states and 20 countries. <https://livegreenhoward.com/>
- Roving Radish starts back up May 6.
- Energy – Leah is assisting with getting LED street lights in Howard County.
- Howard County has received two grants that Leah Miller has applied for.
  - Maryland Smart Energy Communities for \$75,000.
  - New Data Center grant from the state for \$125,000.
- GreenFest will be held on April 13.
- 20 Minute Clean-Up will take place during the month of April.

This is the last meeting for Jim Caldwell as the Director for the Office of Community Sustainability. He thanked the board for their service.

## 3.) Subcommittee Reports

**Green Apple Award** – The two winners are Jodi Duff from Long Reach Highschool and Tara DiVenti from Swanfield Elementary School.

**Plastics** – The committee met with Reservoir Highschool. They have trained volunteers that will be able to go out into the community and help educate about problems with plastic. The committee has joined a partnership, which will go out to schools to educate students and staff members.

**Bird Safe Buildings** - The bills MD SB 314 (2019) and MD HB 136 (2019) both passed.

## 4.) Announcements/Roundtable

The next meeting will be a retreat that will be held at the Howard County Conservancy. It will be on May 9<sup>th</sup> and will begin at 6:30 PM. The board is going to invite the Office of Community Sustainability to attend. The main discussion during the retreat is going to be about the direction of the board.

8:40 PM – Meeting adjourned.