

Baltimore Commission on Sustainability December Meeting Resource Links and Speaker Contact Information

Stephanie Smith • A clearinghouse for the full Blueprint Bill. This link is directly to the workforce/college ready piece: <https://blueprint.marylandpublicschools.org/ccr/>

Lisa Ferretto • EPA's EJ Screen: <https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/>
<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Account/Login>

Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)
<https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#3/33.47/-97.5>

Delegate Regina T. Boyce • regina.boyce@house.state.md.us
<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/permits/Pages/SB47.aspx>

How to testify

Written and/or 2-minute oral testimony options. Oral testimonies have in-person and via Zoom options. You will need a MyMGA account through the MDGA website to sign up for witness testimony 2 days prior to a bill's hearing. Each committee has their own rules for testimony

Visiting Annapolis for Session: Virtual or Guided Tours - Megan Ford, Visitors Program Coordinator, 410-946-5423, megan.ford@mlis@state.md.us
Floor Sessions: [@mga-session-senate445](#) and [@mga-session-house9230](#)

Environmental Permits & State Agency Actions•
<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/permits/Pages/ApprovalProcess.aspx>

Your Legislator: • <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Members/District>
[MDE Wastewater Public Interface Tool](#)

Kristen Harbeson • kharbeson@mdlcv.org

Maryland LCV can be found at www.mdlcv.org

The Environmental Summit will be in Annapolis on January 31st at the Graduate Hotel.

Jennifer Kunze • jkunze@cleanwater.org

Jennifer Kunze • Study that says waste incinerators undermine clean energy goals:

<https://journals.plos.org/climate/article?id=10.1371/journal.pclm.0000100>

Take action to pass the Reclaim Renewable Energy Act!

Contact your legislators: <https://cleanwater.salsalabs.org/mdreclaimrenewable112023/index.html>

District 46 community associations and businesses, sign this letter:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKAqfo4cq_r63q05AARAhP5tefXY101txhulhZbYF0zyMoA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Grant opportunity for your school: stop food waste and start composting!

<https://cleanwater.org/mdschoolcompostgrants>

In-depth DNR study about Maryland's RPS:

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/pprp/Pages/RPS-WorkGroup.aspx>

Today's coverage of the Climate Commission's recommendation to eliminate trash incineration from the RPS:

<https://www.marylandmatters.org/2023/12/20/climate-commission-report-sets-guidelines-for-aggressive-state-action/>

Contact your legislators: <https://cleanwater.salsalabs.org/mdreclaimrenewable112023/index.htm>

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A note related to the EmPOWER bill events: it looks like a date for the campaign kickoff hasn't been finalized but will be mid-to late January!

Riley • Maryland Representatives Lookup page

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Members/District>

Baltimore City Council District Look up • <https://cityservices.baltimorecity.gov/citycouncil/>

Dave Arndt • 5th Annual Legislative Summit for Climate and Environment Jan 6th and 7th

<https://www.facebook.com/MarylandLegislativeCoalition>



Green & Healthy Homes Initiative®

GHHI Legislative Session Preview

2024 Maryland General Assembly

**Baltimore Commission on Sustainability
December 20, 2023**



Vision

Addressing the social determinants of health and racial equity through healthy housing.



Mission

GHHI is dedicated to addressing the social determinants of health and the advancement of racial and health equity through the creation of healthy, safe and energy efficient homes. By delivering a standard of excellence in its work, GHHI aims to eradicate the negative health impacts of unhealthy housing and unjust policies for children, seniors and families to ensure better health, economic and social outcomes in historically disinvested communities – with an emphasis on communities of color.



Legislative Priority: EmPOWER program update



Reform of EmPOWER efficiency program to move greenhouse gas reduction target



Will allow program to support fuel switching to save households energy, money, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



Makes sure that the program prioritizes lasting measures to move towards long term climate and energy goals.



Protect consumers by ensuring program costs are fair to rate-payers

Other legislation and implementation work we are following



Bill to update lead licensing fee for landlords from once a year to a higher cost every other year



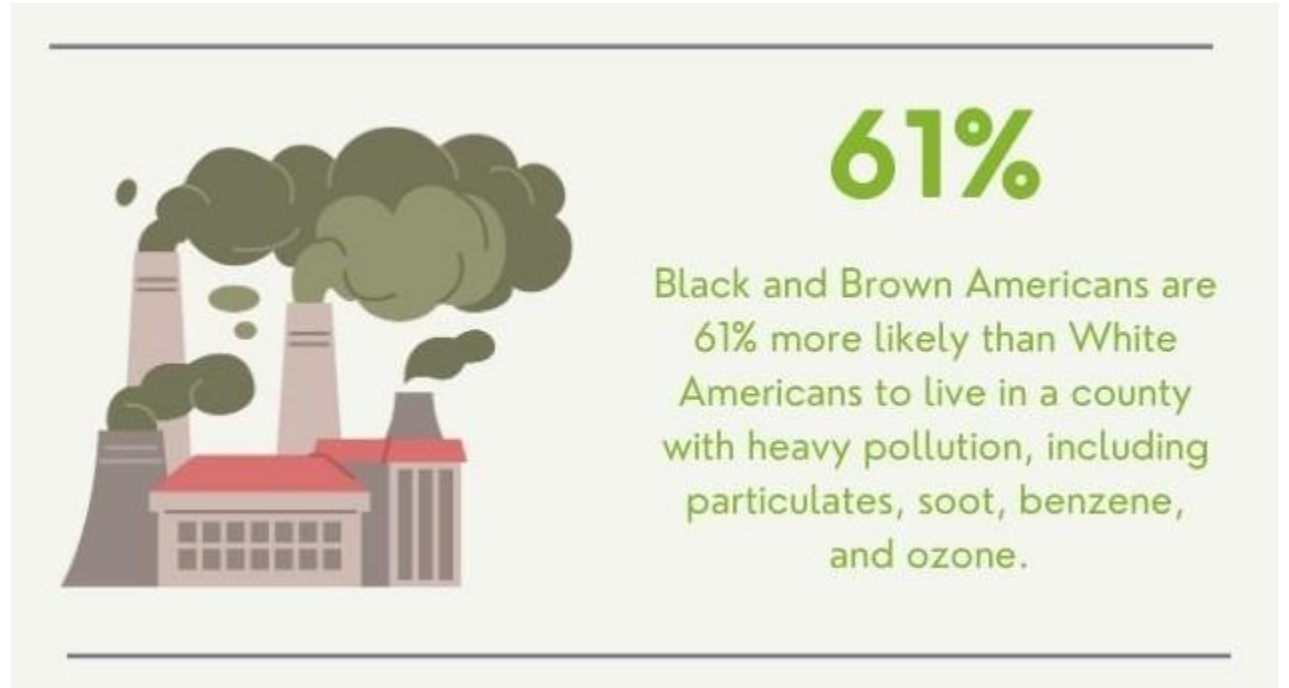
Implementation of Climate Solutions Now Act that requires the state to develop a plan to achieve 60% emission reductions by 2031



Implementation of EmPOWER Low-Income Savings Target from 2023 that requires scaling up the delivery of energy efficiency to low-income households.

Housing Quality Is A Matter Of Health, Racial, and Economic Equity

- Communities of color are more likely to live in unhealthy homes, causing disproportionate rates of lead poisoning, asthma episodes, energy insecurity, and severe economic effects exacerbated by the affordable housing crisis.
- Making homes healthier is a preventive measure. Energy efficiency and appliance electrification interventions can reduce carbon emissions but also impact health by improving indoor air quality, reducing extreme heat and cold, and addressing safety risks such as carbon monoxide poisoning.



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QUESTIONS?

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