

## **BES Quarterly Science Meeting: Environmental Justice Practice and Research**

**TIME:** 8:30am - 1pm, Wednesday, January 25th

### **LOCATION**

#### **Physical:**

Room 206  
UMBC Technology Research Center (TRC)  
5200 Westland Blvd  
Arbutus, MD 21227

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#### **Parking:**

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#### **Virtual:**

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Meeting number (access code): 2623 603 8015

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## AGENDA

### 8:30 Coffee, Snacks, and Hellos

### 9:00 Goals and Introductions, Moderator, Tanaira Cullens, Environmental Scientist, Biohabitats

- Become familiar with
  - Topic
  - Practices, findings, and data
  - Needs and opportunities
  - Organizations and individuals
- Identify actions: Let's not let this meeting be "one and done"
- Be comfortable with being uncomfortable

### 9:15 Brief Orientation to Topic, Morgan Grove, USDA Forest Service

- Disamenities / Amenities // Distributional (Patterns) / Procedural (Processes)
  - Linking Distributional and Procedural over Time
- EJ as a resilient system: an expanded set of "parts", feedbacks, and long-term understanding (how did it come to be)
  - housing, zoning, employment, education, policing, wealth creation, and so on?
- Other perspectives / ideas?

### 9:35 Practice: What is the **current state of EJ practice** in Baltimore that could include policy, planning, and management perspectives and from government and civic society sectors?

1. Meghan Hazer Alvarez, Watershed Planning + Partnerships (DPW)
2. Tree Equity, MD DNR Forest Service
3. Mark Montgomery, Pastor, Union Baptist Church

### 10:05 Break

### 10:15 Research: What is the **current state of EJ research** in Baltimore?

1. Long term EJ dynamics in Baltimore, Morgan Grove
2. Street Tree Diversity and Redlining in Baltimore, Karin Burghardt, University of Maryland, College Park
3. Mosquitos and Community Engagement, Dawn Biehler, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

**11:05 Engaging / Sharing Practice / Research:** What are the needs and opportunities for better engaging EJ practices and research from community to municipal levels: **listening and sharing** in Baltimore?

- The problem of “Us” talking to “Us”
  - People who are experiencing the injustices
- Are there other opportunities to expand who is in the conversation?
  - Hosted by other groups such as BUILD / ACT Now
- Times that are more accessible: weekends / evenings
- Institutional barriers to connecting Practice, Research, and Education

**11:35 Production:** What are the needs and opportunities for the **production of EJ research** in Baltimore, including students at different “stages” of life, academics, and academic institutions in Baltimore?

- [Landscape of Fear](#)
- Policy and the “community meeting” requirement for projects
- Intergenerational/socioeconomic barriers
- Mentorship Opportunities
  - University programs such as iCARE
  - Parks & People BRANCHES program
  - Temple X school

**12:05 Mutual Aid and Next steps:** ideas for future activities for partnership

- What’s the network?
  - Who’s involved and who’s missing
- Where can we be helpful?
- How can we be helpful?
  - BES website: Synthesis research documents with links to publications and data
  - Overall city synthesis of practice and research
- Calendar of events

**1:00 Adjourn**