

BES Quarterly Meeting January 16, 2024

UMBC Technology Research Center
5200 Westland Blvd, Arbutus, MD 21227
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<https://baltimoreecosystemstudy.org/events/>

The Cycle of Life:

What can we learn from urban forest management and new tree planting investments?

Agenda

- 8:30 Coffee and Conversation
- 9:00 Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements
- 9:05 “Why are trees in cities important to you? What’s your favorite thing to do?”
- 9:20 Opening remarks and context: Anne Hairston-Strang, State Forester, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Theme 1: Urban forest management

- 9:25 Presentation 1: Ashley Bowers, Baltimore City Division of Forestry, Department of Recreation and Parks Management Plans and Forest Stewardship
- 9:35 Presentation 2: Katie Lautar and Eric Fishel, Baltimore Green Space Communities and Forests
- 9:45 Presentation 3: Rachel Whiteheart & Amy Gilder-Busatti, Baltimore City Office of Sustainability, Department of Planning Forest Conservation Act
- 9:55 Questions
- 10:10 Break

Theme 2: Tree Planting and Maintenance

- 10:25 Presentation 1: Justin Bowers, Maryland Department of Natural Resources 5 million trees+

- 10:35 Presentation 2: Emily Morrow, Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Green Jobs and Workforce Development: State and Baltimore City
- 10:45 Presentation 3: Shaun Preston, Camp Small, Baltimore City Division of Forestry,
Department of Recreation and Parks
Urban Wood Utilization
- 10:55 Questions
- 11:05 Breakout groups:
- Policy, programmatic, and research questions and science needs
 - Data, tracking, and reporting: existing and needed
 - What education and outreach would you like to see?
 - Are there examples at local, state, and regional scales to build upon?
- 11:35 Report back/group discussion
- 12:00 Adjourn to lunch to keep talking about this!

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Community-Based Science Event
What is the connection between crime and trees?
 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
[2003 Presbury St, Baltimore, MD 21217](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2003+Presbury+St,+Baltimore,+MD+21217)

Agenda

- 4:30p Coffee and Conversation
- 5:00p Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements
 Pi Omega Chapter
 Baltimore Ecosystem Study
 State Forester
 State's Attorney
- 5:20 Presentation 1: Terris King II, Temple X Schools & UMBC Baltimore 1815

Engagement 1: Easterwood Community Nature Walk

- 5:40 Presentation 2: Walk from 2003 Presbury to 1530 N. Bentalou St.
 Alex Smith, Division Street Landscaping

Engagement 2: Tour Omega Baltimore

- 6:15 Presentation 3: Lenwood Hayman, Forest Service,

7:00 MARISA Grant/Keystone Project Presentation, BSEC, SERC

8:00 Adjourn to keep talking about this!