

**BES Quarterly Meeting January 22nd, 2026**

UMBC Technology Research Center

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**Planting and Stewarding Baltimore's Forests and Trees**

8:30	Coffee and Conversation
9:00 planted?	Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements / What was the last tree you
9:10	Opening remarks and context: Nancy Sonti, USDA Forest Service

***A Deep Dive on Baltimore's Trees***

9:15	<b>Updates from the Forestry Division: Data Collection and Tree Inventory.</b> Sam Seo, Baltimore City Forestry Division
9:30	<b>Community Science: Present and Future.</b> Kindle Samuel, Baltimore Green Space
9:45	<b>Characterizing Baltimore's urban forest using LiDAR derived metrics of vertical structure.</b> Michelle Katoski, USGS/UMBC
10:00	<b>Selection in the City: Traits of Red and Norway Maples from Street to Forest.</b> Beatriz Shobe, Johns Hopkins University
10:15	<b>Discussion &amp; brainstorm about research needs</b>
10:45	Break

***Baltimore and Beyond: Regional Studies***

11:00      **Selection in the City: Nursery Supply Chains.** Nancy Sonti, USDA Forest Service

11:15      **Oak Regeneration: Assisted Migration for Climate Resilience**  
Tara Trammell, University of Delaware

11:30      **Tree Community Shifts Along Ecoregional Land Cover Gradients.**  
Matt Baker, UMBC

11:45      **Discussion & brainstorm about research needs**

12:15      Adjourn to lunch to keep talking!