

BES Summer Quarterly Meeting
Building Bridges and Breaking Barriers: Organizations Connecting People to Power
June 17, 2026 | 8:30AM - 1:00PM

USGS Conference Room
5522 Research Park Dr, Catonsville, MD 21228
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Meeting ID: 976 4447 3398

AGENDA

8:30AM Coffee and Conversation

9:00AM Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

9:15AM Opening remarks and context: Michele Romolini

Networks & Collaboratives: Social Infrastructure to Amplify Stewardship

9:30AM Presentations

- **Baltimore Ecosystem Study**, Morgan Grove & Terris King II
- **Baltimore Social-Ecological Collaborative**, Khalia Young
- **STEW-MAP (Stewardship Mapping & Assessment Project)**, Selena Livas

10:15AM Q&A

10:30AM Break

Activating Networks: Bridging Organizations and Community Stewardship Action

10:45AM Presentations

- **The Nature Conservancy & Women of Color Outdoors**, Jaline McPherson & Ralinda Wimbush
- **Baltimore City Sustainability Office**, Erica Pinkett
- **The National Aquarium**, Curtis Bennett & Swathi Ayyagari

11:30AM Discussion

- What are characteristics of an effective bridging organization?
- What are some of the common themes and lessons learned from the talks?
- How can we move these types of partnerships and networks forward in Baltimore?

12:00PM Lunch and Conversation

1:00PM Adjourn

Keystone Convening at the Maryland Urban Ecological Laboratory
4:00–8:00 PM
[3639 Liberty Heights Ave., Baltimore, MD 21215](https://www.mde.state.md.us/locations/3639-liberty-heights-ave-baltimore-md-21215)