

Special Training for Elected/Appointed Officials & City/County Managers

The Maryland Climate Leadership Academy was established to build capacity at the community level to effectively plan for and take action on climate change. To ensure that elected and appointed officials are sufficiently knowledgeable about the implications of climate change upon the health, security and economic vitality of their communities, the Maryland Climate Leadership Academy will launch a series of training programs tailored specifically for elected and appointed officials in state/local government, as well as for city/county managers.

Schedule for Opening Class

- 8:30am** Participant Introductions
- 8:50am** **Climate Change Impacts on Local Governments & Communities**
A foundational knowledge of climate change science and implications for local/regional economies and communities.
- 9:35am** **Roundtable Discussion**
Participants will be asked to share some of their community's experience with recent climate impacts.
- 10:05am** *Short Break*
- 10:20am** **Connecting the Dots with Budget Management & Financial Decision-Making**
A discussion on the impacts of climate change on critical infrastructure, public services, operating budgets, credit ratings and capital investments.
- 11:05am** **Understanding Current Climate Policy and Authorities**
Consider the global, national and state policy landscape, and authorities for Maryland governments leaders. This session will address tools for adaptation/resilience planning, and investment in clean energy and energy efficiency programs.
- 12:05pm** **Lunch with Special Guest Speaker(s)**
Brief remarks from DNR/MDE Secretaries & MEMA Executive Director followed by Q&A.
- 1:30pm** **Utilizing Planning, Policy & Financial Tools**
An overview of important risk management, scenario planning, cost/benefit analysis activities and financial tools to address operations, budget, economies, health and security.
- 2:30pm** *Short Break*
- 2:45pm** **A Conversation with the Maryland State Treasurer**
- 3:00pm** **Governance, Human Resource and Workforce Needs**
A session on understanding and leading organizational change featuring case studies and sample frameworks for implementing long-term planning.
- 4:15pm** **Group Discussion on Next Steps & Closing Remarks**

January 7, 2020

8:30am – 4:30pm

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Event Highlights:

- A full-day educational event shaped by a working group consisting of state agency leaders, local government practitioners and national experts administered by ACCO
- Special guest remarks from Maryland state officials, group discussions and scenario exercise

Confirmed Speakers:

- **Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio**
MD Secretary of Natural Resources
- **Ben Grumbles**
MD Secretary of the Environment
- **Nancy Kopp**
MD State Treasurer
- **Russell Strickland**
MD Emergency Management Agency Executive Director
- **David Herring**
Chief, NOAA Climate Program Office
- **Daniel Kreeger**
Executive Director, Association of Climate Change Officers
- **Adriana Hochberg**
Asst. Chief Administrative Officer, Montgomery County
- **Beth Groth**
Planner, Charles County
- **Dave Guignet**
NFIP Coordinator, MD Dept. of the Environment
- **Chris Hoagland**
Economist, MD Dept. of the Environment
- **Lindene Patton**
Principal, Earth & Water Law Group
- **Sandy Hertz**
Asst. Director, Environment, MD Dept. of Transportation
- **Catherine McCall**
Dir., Coastal & Ocean Management, MD Dept. of Natural Resources
- **Mark Belton**
County Administrator, Charles County
- **Chris Beck**
Division Chief, Climate Change, MD Dept. of the Environment
- **Lisa McNeilly**
Director of Sustainability, City of Baltimore

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