

## AGENDA

Baltimore County Commission on Environmental Quality (CEQ)

October 25, 2023 at 7 pm, Jefferson Building, 105 W Chesapeake Ave, Towson

Thank you to Brian Lindley for helping with the website and communication with DEPS.  
Thank you to Henry Ayakwah for facilitating our use of this room and PowerPoint.

7:00 Welcome to the 2nd in-person meeting in a very long time. Note that our windows are open and the room air filter has been running. Masks optional.

7:05 Maryland 5 Million Trees Initiative, to plant and grow a tree for every Marylander by 2031. Speaker is Cara Dudzic, Central Region Tree Planting Specialist, Forest Service, Maryland DNR.

7:35 Time available for discussion and Q&A

7:45 CEQ Workgroup on Baltimore County Weed Ordinance (County Code 13-7-401)  
-Members are Brian Fath, Lois Jacobs, Steve Malan, Carol Newill.  
Discuss and finalize the report (see printout of the report).

8:00 Update from the Plastic Bags Workgroup - Members are Valerie Androutsopoulos, Andy Miller, Karen Wynn, Lynda Eisenberg.

8:15 Update on Oregon Ridge Park - Brian Bernstein and Carol Newill  
- Park Master Plan is online at <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/recreation/programs/oregon-ridge-lodge/master-plan>

- Landscape Architect firm Lardner & Klein has been chosen to evaluate the park's trails, which will continue to be for hikers / walkers, not horses, bikes or motor vehicles.
- Nature Council, Rec & Parks, and DEPS are discussing deer control, and seem to be in general agreement that there are too many deer. Having too many deer prevents healthy forest regeneration, and causes human health threats including Lyme disease and automobile accident- associated injuries and deaths. People with interest in this problem are invited to volunteer to help work on a plan and evaluate its effectiveness.
- The request for a zoning variance to allow a new house etc close to the edge of the park by Baisman's Run stream was denied. The landowner has appealed.

8:20 Approve minutes of 9/27/2023. Thank you, Andy.

8:25 Comments and suggestions about CEQ's work? New topics? Speakers?

8:35 Adjourn

Upcoming meetings: 12/6/23, 1/24/24, 2/28, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22, 6/24, then Summer Break.