

AGENDA

Baltimore County Commission on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
April 26, 2023 at 7 pm on Webex

CEQ webpage: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/ceq/index.html

I. Welcome. This is the 6th evening in the CEQ series on the expected increases in extreme weather and water-related challenges (coastal and non-coastal) in Baltimore County, their projected impacts, and the development of resiliency to protect essential infrastructure and public health. Goals of the series are to present information and to stimulate discussion, thus encouraging timely progress on climate change adaptation in our county.

II. Jenn Aiosa will speak on “Ramping Up Resilience Efforts in Baltimore County”. Ms. Aiosa is the Director of Government Affairs and former Chief Sustainability Officer, Baltimore County.

III. 8 pm: Minutes of 3/22/2023 meeting, correct and approve. Thank you, Valerie.

IV. Award for a farmer who is using creative and effective measures to save soil from erosion due to extreme storms and flooding. Steve Malan, Dustin Shearer, Andy Miller, David Ruppert

V. Update on Oregon Ridge Master Plan. Report was presented online on 4/13, see <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/recreation/programs/oregon-ridge-lodge/master-plan>
Public input online Wednesday 5/24 at 6 pm; Dept Rec & Parks to post the link.

VI. Update on Forest Conservation code changes. State law (SB 526 /House bill 0723) Forest Preservation and Retention, addresses several of the concerns that were raised by speakers at CEQ's Symposium in 2022, except not the time period for maintaining newly planted trees. BCGA is following up with County Councilmembers Marks and Patoka and others.

VII. Closing comments: Carol Newill

CEQ meeting dates: 5/24, 9/27, 10/25, 12/6/2023.

5/15, 7:30 pm, Re Climate change and polluted stormwater flowing into streams and rivers of Baltimore County's watersheds: Alice Volpitta, Baltimore Harbor Waterkeeper, will speak in person at Oregon Ridge Nature Center, Register at: <https://oregonridgenaturecenter.wildapricot.org/event-5109725>