



# ARWG Regional Meetings

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# ARWG Regional Meetings - 2018

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*...to solicit local and regional climate adaptation priorities and support local adaptation efforts...regional meetings would offer scientific, technical, logistical, and planning resources ...and capitalize on existing engagement efforts and regional bodies or organizations.*

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# Planning Committee Review & Recommendations

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Target Audience

Advance Input

Meeting Content

2018 Scheduled Regional Meetings

Option A & Option B

# Target Audience

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- Local government staff and elected officials
- As the meetings will be broadly publicized other interested parties may attend

# Advance Input Options

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- Local government surveys
- Coordination with MML and MACo
- Capitalize on other 2018 regional meetings that seek local feedback and obtain direction/input via planned surveys and meetings

# Meeting Content

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While each meeting could be topically-tailored to the needs of the region, all meetings should include:

1. State of the Science presentation that includes a cohesive set of scientific, technical, logistical and planning resources recommend for local government use
2. Adaptation Best Practices presentation that offers 2-3 examples of exemplary and feasible adaptation planning (e.g. model Comprehensive Plan or Hazard Mitigation Plan)
3. Discussion of Local Government Needs and Concerns

# 2018 Regional Meetings Scheduled

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- November 2017 to June 2018 (MDP) listening sessions with the public, county staff, and elected officials to inform the preparation of the A Better Maryland. Climate is not a specific focus, but priorities might arise.
- Summer 2018 (MDE) regional meetings with local governments to discuss the TMDL Phase III Watershed Implementation Plans and climate questions could be included.
- Fall 2018 (MDH) Climate & Health Listening Sessions targeting individuals and community organizations. End of March survey to drive the topics at the sessions.
- 2018 (MDP/MHT) To inform a new State Historic Plan, MHT will be hosting 6 Regional Meetings & Focus Groups by topic area in 2018. Climate adaptation be a topic area.
- 2018 (DNR) Surveys of local governments will inform the Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plans.



# Option A

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The Planning Committee would organize and host 5 (+/-) meetings in these general locations:

1. Western Maryland, Cumberland or Hagerstown
2. Southern Central Maryland, Prince Frederick
3. Northern Central Maryland, Columbia or further north
4. Upper Eastern Shore, Easton
5. Lower Eastern Shore, Salisbury

2 Planning Committee co-leads for each meeting to plan venues, region-specific content, presenters, other ARWG or MCCC participation.

Scheduled and coordinated around the already-planned local or regional meetings

# Option B

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In recognition of the parallel regionally-specific meetings organized for 2018, the Planning Committee would work with the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) and the Maryland Municipal League (MML) to host climate change adaptation-focused information sessions and/or presentations at the following county and municipal government conferences:

- MACo Summer Conference -- August 15-18, 2018, Ocean City
- MML Fall Conference -- October 10-12, 2018, Annapolis
- MACo Winter Conference -- January 2-4, 2019, Cambridge

If Option B is selected, the Planning Committee would further discuss staffing and meeting content, but the meeting content proposed in Option A is likely still applicable.