

Maryland Commission on Climate Change

Mitigation Working Group

March 12, 2019 10:00AM - 1:00PM

Maryland Department of the Environment

1800 Washington Boulevard
First Floor Conference Rooms
Baltimore, MD 21230

Conference Number: (641) 552-9200
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Agenda

10:00AM MWG Meeting Called to Order

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – MWG Co-Chairs – 5 minutes
2. **Public Comment** – 20 minutes
3. **Panel Questions and Discussion on GHG Emission Reductions from Land Use and Conservation**
Panelists will be given time to respond to relevant focusing questions, followed by discussion among the MWG members, for each topic in turn. See page 2 of this document for focusing questions.
 - Panel Experts:
 - Hans Schmidt (MDA)
 - David Tancabel (DNR)
 - Jason Dubow (MDP)
 - Topics:
 - Interrelationship of land use and other forces or factors
 - Land practices for preservation/conservation
 - Solar power generation facility siting
4. **Continued/New Business** – MWG Members – 25 minutes
 - Discuss additional summer meeting
 - Discuss order of meetings
 - Other business from MWG members
5. **Wrap Up** – Co-Chairs and MDE Staff – 10 minutes

1:00PM Meeting Adjourns

The next meeting of the Mitigation Working Group will be held on **Tuesday, April 16th**.

Comments from the general public can be submitted to the Commission at climate.change@maryland.gov.



Topic A: Interrelationship of land use and other forces or factors

1. What are the roles of market forces, land supply, transportation, and land preservation in influencing land-use patterns?
2. What additional metrics are needed to support local government land use decisions?

Topic B: Land practices for preservation and conservation

3. What approaches/sources of support exist, or need to be developed, to accelerate the adoption of healthy soil practices?
4. Given Maryland's growth projections, what more can we do to plant trees and protect forests while preventing sprawl development and the loss of farmland?

Topic C: Solar power generation facility siting

5. What approaches exist, or need to be developed, to accommodate solar generation within both urban and rural settings?
6. How can we best achieve our renewable energy production goals at various levels of power generation, especially via other means than large-scale energy-production facilities?

