

Stronger Together: Regional Collaboration on Maryland's Eastern Shore

Key Problem: Lack of alignment or coordination across the region in planning for climate change impacts

Solution: Establish the Eastern Shore Climate Adaptation Partnership (ESCAP) for local government representatives to collaborate on climate initiatives, learn together from experts, and apply collectively for grant funding.

Top 2 Challenges:

- 1.** Limited bandwidth of ESCAP participants
- 2.** Buy - in of elected officials

Stronger Together: Regional Collaboration on Maryland's Eastern Shore

Takeaways

1. Climate change touches *all* local/regional initiatives in some way – no need to reinvent the wheel
2. Regional collaboration lowers hurdles for all participants
3. Dream big!

Best tools: Partnership with academic institutions and other NGOs across the country – UMD, UD, UVA, Georgetown Climate Center, etc.