



C-STREAM SYMPOSIUM 2022

DEI RESOURCES AND OUTREACH FOR CHESAPEAKE BAY HEALTHY WATERSHEDS

WORKING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO PROMOTE HEALTHY WATERSHEDS AND DIVERSITY IN
ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY

ABOUT ME

- **Hometown:** Takoma park, md
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- **C-Stream position:** Diversity, equity, inclusion & justice intern working with the Diversity workgroup and the healthy watershed's goal implementation team



DRIVING RESEARCH QUESTIONS



Have underrepresented communities been involved in work plan development and decision making?



How can we identify, track, and reduce disproportionate impacts?



How do we increase outreach and involve underrepresented communities to promote healthy watersheds?

RESEARCH FINDINGS

The values associated with maintaining healthy watersheds have too often not been adequately or consistently conveyed to local communities

Typically, only communities directly next to bodies of water understand the importance of healthy watersheds, which is often socioeconomically exclusive



In order to create effective diverse outreach, we must understand public perceptions of water quality, perceived barriers to implementing environmental solutions, and what types of outreach best connect with target audiences

CREATING DEI RESOURCES AND OUTREACH FOR HEALTHY WATERSHEDS TEAM

MY STORY MAP

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTNER WITH

Black Girls Dive

- Empowers young girls to explore their STEM identity through marine science and conservation education
- Focuses on closing the racial and socioeconomic achievement gap, promoting youth agency and voice, and cultivating the next generation of scientists

Brandywine Neighborhood Coalition

- PG county focused groups
- Interested in any issues that affect quality of life and communities

Asociación Guatemaltecos Sin Fronteras

- Focuses on quality of life and education for Guatemalans throughout Maryland

THANK YOU!!!

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A group of eight people, including a man and seven young adults, are standing in a line outdoors. They are positioned in front of a wooden bench and a dense background of green trees and foliage. The man on the far left is wearing a red polo shirt and jeans, holding a blue bag. The others are dressed in casual attire like t-shirts, hoodies, and jeans. The text "ANY QUESTIONS?" is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image.

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