

## Mid-Atlantic Region Environmental Education Leadership Retreat

# AGENDA

### Goals:

- (1) Discuss current status of regional environmental education commitments and review and develop a draft regional tracking system to monitor progress toward regional goals
- (2) Clarify roles and expectations of state government leaders for the Environmental Summit and Working Session December 2-3.

**Dates:** November 20-21, 2013

**Location:** Kent Manor Inn, 500 Kent Manor Drive, Kent Island, Stevensville, Maryland  
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### **Day 1: WHERE ARE WE? WHERE ARE WE GOING?**

**10:00** Arrival, check in, coffee and networking

**10:30** Introductions, review agenda and discuss expectations

**11:00** **Brief review of regional environmental education timeline and future beyond the new Bay Agreement**  
*This session will provide a brief history of regional environmental education initiative and then focus on developing a shared understanding of the goals and commitments in the draft new bay agreement, the Mid-Atlantic Environmental Literacy Strategy, State Environmental Literacy Plans and other relevant policies and/or standards.*

**11:30** **State Environmental Literacy Updates**  
*Participants will share state level initiatives/plans, major impediments to making progress, near term opportunities and provide guidance, feedback and insights on how best to assist in supporting state level advances for Environmental Education.*

**12:00** LUNCH

**1:00** State Updates (cont.)

**2:00** Tracking Implementation of Environmental Education in the Mid-Atlantic

*Beginning a brief review of the need for improved tracking, summary of progress made to date and the proposed scope of a tracking system and draft metrics, we will then dig into the details of how best to develop and implement a useful and reasonably accurate approach to monitoring progress in Environmental Literacy.*

- Purpose, progress to date – including review of Best Practices for Teacher Supported Meaningful Watershed Education Experiences
- Review of Tracking System Scope, Timeline and draft metrics/tool (*Environmental Literacy Indicator and Green Ed Activity Registry*)

**2:45** **Working Session # 1 – WHAT DATA WILL BE COLLECTED? (MI TEAM)**  
**Break up into small groups (pre-assigned)**

**4:15** **Field Activity (Walks/paddle on-site, Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center hike/tour, fishing, ( etc)**

**5:30** return to Kent Manor Inn

**6:00** RECEPTION and DINNER

**Day 2: WHERE ARE WE GOING, CONTINUED AND WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

**7:30 BREAKFAST**

**8:30 Working Session # 1 (continued) WHAT DATA WILL BE COLLECTED?  
Break up into small groups (pre-assigned)**

**9:30 Working Session # 2 HOW WILL BE COLLECTED? (MI and CBT/NOAA)**

- a. School Division level (capacity and estimates of implementation)
- b. School Level – Green Ed registry of activity, student experiences and projects, awards, partners, etc.

**11:00 Working Session # 3 - HOW WILL DATA BE ANALYZED, SHARED AND POTENTIAL USES AND USERS OF RESULTS? (MI and CBT/NOAA)**

**How could this be designed to be as helpful as possible to states and LEA's  
Who else could use the data? And for what purpose(s)? (e.g., funders, EL community, EE providers, etc.**

**12:00 LUNCH**

**1:00 Wrap up, next steps and transition to the December 2-3 Environmental Literacy Summit**

*This session will focus on transferring progress made at the retreat to the agenda for Environmental Literacy Summit on December 2-3 and the important role of state government representatives to lead their delegations.*

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