



EPA MID-ATLANTIC REGION 2022 SUMMIT

Working Together to Build a Better, More Equitable Region

Date: **Wednesday, May 25, 2022**

Time: **10am – 4:15pm**

Location: **Zoom** - [Register Here!](#)

Summit Agenda					
10:00 am	Protect, Empower, Inspire — EPA and You Engaged to Build a Better Community A conversation with <i>Adam Ortiz</i> , EPA Region 3 Administrator, and State Environmental Leadership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Shawn Garvin</i>, Delaware ❖ <i>Tommy Wells</i>, District of Columbia ❖ <i>Horacio Tablada</i>, Maryland ❖ <i>Patrick McDonnell</i>, Pennsylvania ❖ <i>Mike Rolband</i>, Virginia ❖ <i>Harold Ward</i>, West Virginia 				
11:00 am	Looking Ahead at Mid-Atlantic Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ An Overview of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law ❖ An Overview of Environmental Justice: What it Means for our Communities ❖ An Overview of the Draft Region 3 Climate Adaptation Implementation Plan 				
12:00 pm	Lunch and Passion Talks				
Tracks	1	2	3	4	5
1:00 pm	Inequity in Air Quality: Exploring Solutions (Part I)	Aligning Climate Adaptation Plans to Maximize Resilience in the Mid-Atlantic	Get the Lead Out: Strategies for Protecting Children’s Health & Communities	Utilizing EPA Grants to Improve Your Community: How to Search, Identify, and Apply for EPA Grants	EJScreen – Identifying Communities Burdened by Environmental Pollution
2:00 pm	Inequity in Air Quality: Exploring Solutions (Part II)	Becoming Climate Resilient: ARC-X and Regional Success Stories	Using Geospatial Data & Applications to Inform State, Tribal, & Local Initiatives	Small Grants, Big Change: Successfully Leveraging Small EJ Grants and Other Resources	Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership Overview: Tools and Information for Local Decision Makers
3:00 pm	Addressing Inequity in Air Quality through Enforcement	Safeguarding Public Health: EPA’s Progress on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)	Revitalizing Communities through Successful Brownfields Funding	Think Small Business First, It’s a Win/Win! The Benefits of Using Small and Disadvantage Businesses	Building Green and Resilient Infrastructure through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Opportunities
4:00 pm	Closing Remarks by <i>Adam Ortiz</i> , EPA Region 3 Administrator				

Summit Session Descriptions	
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Protect, Empower, Inspire — EPA and You Engaged to Build a Better Community	<p>A conversation with <i>Adam Ortiz</i>, EPA Region 3 Administrator, and State Environmental Leadership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Shawn Garvin</i>, Secretary, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control ❖ <i>Tommy Wells</i>, Director, District of Columbia's Department of Energy & Environment ❖ <i>Horacio Tablada</i>, Maryland Acting Secretary of the Environment ❖ <i>Patrick McDonnell</i>, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ❖ <i>Mike Rolband</i>, Director, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality ❖ <i>Harold Ward</i>, Cabinet Secretary, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
Looking Ahead at Mid-Atlantic Priorities	<p>An Overview of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law; An Overview of Environmental Justice: What it Means for our Communities; and An Overview of the Draft Region 3 Climate Adaptation Implementation Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Diana Esher</i>, Deputy Regional Administrator, EPA Region 3 ❖ <i>Samantha Beers</i>, Director, Office of Communities, Tribes and Environmental Assessment, EPA Region 3 ❖ <i>Matthew Konfirst</i>, Ph.D., Climate Change Coordinator, Water Division, EPA Region 3
Inequity in Air Quality: Exploring Solutions (Part I)	<p>Presentations on active efforts to address environmental justice in air quality, and best practices with broad applicability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Cristina Fernandez</i>, Director, Air & Radiation Division, EPA Region 3 ❖ <i>George S. (Tad) Aburn, Jr.</i>, Director, Air & Radiation Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment ❖ <i>Jeffrey King</i>, Director of Climate, Energy and Air Programs, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
Aligning Climate Adaptation Plans to Maximize Resilience in the Mid-Atlantic	<p>An opportunity to learn more details about EPA Region 3's Climate Adaptation Implementation Plan, as well as to learn about some other climate plans being developed in the Mid-Atlantic Region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Matt Konfirst</i>, Ph.D., Climate Coordinator, Water Division, EPA Region 3 ❖ <i>Susan E. Love</i>, AICP, Climate and Sustainability Section Administrator, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) ❖ <i>Elizabeth Grant</i>, AICP, Planning Specialist, Cumberland County, PA

<p>Get the Lead Out: Strategies for Protecting Children’s Health & Communities</p>	<p>Learn how the EPA is strengthening efforts to address lead and reduce exposure regionally and nationally, what resources are available to communities and stakeholders to address lead locally, and how the City of Reading, PA successfully developed a lead action plan for their community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Noelle Watanabe</i>, Life Scientist, Land, Chemicals, and Redevelopment Division, EPA Region 3 • <i>Bill Richardson</i>, Chief, Drinking Water Section, EPA Region 3 • <i>Alexander Mandell</i>, Community Involvement Coordinator, EPA Region 3 • <i>Jeffrey Young</i>, Program Coordinator, City of Reading, PA • <i>Erin Sullivan</i>, Children’s Environmental Health & Healthy Schools Coordinator, EPA Region 3
<p>Utilizing EPA Grants to Improve Your Community: How to Search, Identify, and Apply for EPA Grants</p>	<p>Led by EPA grants management staff, this session will provide attendees with information on how to search for and identify grant opportunities for which they are eligible, and how to apply for identified grants, including information on recipient and EPA roles and responsibilities, cost principals, budget creation, and workplan creation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Liz January</i>, Acting Senior Associate Director for Grants Competition, EPA Office of Grants and Debarment, ❖ <i>Matthew Creedon</i>, Grant Specialist, EPA Region 3 ❖ <i>Jasmine Ngene</i>, Grant Specialist, EPA Region 3
<p>EJScreen – Identifying Communities Burdened by Environmental Pollution</p>	<p>EJScreen is EPA’s web-based mapping tool for nationally consistent Environmental Justice screening and mapping. The tool combines environmental and demographic data to highlight areas where vulnerable populations may be disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Angus Welch</i>, Physical Scientist, Office of Communities, Tribes and Environmental Assessment, EPA Region 3 ❖ <i>Sacoby Wilson</i>, Ph.D., Director, Center for Community Engagement, Environmental Justice, and Health; Professor, Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health ❖ <i>Reginald Harris</i>, Chief, Communities & Tribes Branch, Office of Communities, Tribes and Environmental Assessment, EPA Region 3
<p>Inequity in Air Quality: Exploring Solutions (Part II)</p>	<p>Open discussion on active efforts to address environmental justice in air quality, and best practices with broad applicability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Cristina Fernandez</i>, Director, Air & Radiation Division, EPA Region 3 ❖ <i>Karen Moe</i>, Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee ❖ <i>Parisa Norouzi</i>, Executive Director, Empower DC ❖ <i>Catasha Davis</i>, Ph.D., Justice for Brentwood

<p>Becoming Climate Resilient: ARC-X and Regional Success Stories</p>	<p>This overview of ARC-X, an EPA tool designed to help small- to mid-sized communities build climate resilience using a curated package of information, will also feature examples of adaptation work being done in the Region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Matt Konfirst</i>, Ph.D., Climate Coordinator, Water Division, EPA Region 3 • <i>Joel Scheraga</i>, Ph.D., Senior Advisor for Climate Adaptation, EPA Office of Policy • <i>Maia Davis</i>, Senior Environmental Planner, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) • <i>Katie May Laumann</i>, Ph.D., Science Integrator, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science • <i>Ian Cheyne</i>, Northern Neck Master Gardeners
<p>Using Geospatial Data & Applications to Inform State, Tribal, & Local Initiatives</p>	<p>This session will highlight exciting new geospatial data and tools the Regional Office and Chesapeake Bay Program Office are developing that will help with multi-scale assessment, valuation and decision-making.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Kristopher DeNardi</i>, Regional GIS Coordinator, Laboratory Services & Applied Science Division, EPA Region 3 ❖ <i>Kelsey Hensley</i>, Senior Data Analyst, Laboratory Services & Applied Science Division, EPA Region 3 ❖ <i>Peter Claggett</i>, Research Geographer, U.S. Geological Survey, EPA Region 3
<p>Small Grants, Big Change: Successfully Leveraging Small EJ Grants and other Resources</p>	<p>Learn how Alice Coles, and her organization, Bayview Citizen for Social Justice successfully implemented an EPA EJ Small Grant in 1995 and leveraged local, state, and federal resources to obtain over \$11 million in funding to invest and drastically improve the infrastructure of the community of Bayview, VA and the health and wellbeing of its residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Alice Coles</i>, Co-founder, Bayview Citizens for Social Justice ❖ <i>Niketa Coles</i>, Member, Bayview Citizens for Social Justice
<p>Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership Overview: Tools and Information for Local Decision Makers</p>	<p>This session will provide an overview of the progress the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership is making toward the bay watershed restoration effort as well as highlight information and tools the Partnership has developed for local decision makers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Amy Handen</i>, Local Implementations Program Coordinator, Chesapeake Bay Program Office, EPA Region 3 ❖ <i>Michelle Edwards</i>, Regional Planner, Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission ❖ <i>David Wood</i>, Stormwater Coordinator, Chesapeake Stormwater Network

<p>Addressing Inequity in Air Quality through Enforcement</p>	<p>Learn about integrating environmental justice into air quality enforcement and compliance from a panel of air quality leaders and experts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>George S. (Tad) Aburn, Jr.</i>, Director, Air & Radiation Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment ❖ <i>Kelly Crawford</i>, Associate Director, Air Quality Division, District of Columbia's Department of Energy & Environment ❖ <i>Kris Hall</i>, Chief, Air Section, Enforcement & Compliance Division, EPA Region 3 ❖ <i>Angela Marconi</i>, Director, Division of Air Quality, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control ❖ <i>Richelle Wormley</i>, Director, Division of Air Enforcement, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
<p>Safeguarding Public Health: EPA's Progress on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)</p>	<p>A multi-media update and discussion on the Agency's actions and new policies to safeguard public health, protect the environment, and hold polluters accountable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Rick Rogers</i>, Branch Chief, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, EPA Region 3 ❖ <i>Ruby Stanmyer</i>, Life Scientist, Water Division, EPA Region 3 ❖ <i>Charles Brown</i>, Life Scientist, Water Division, EPA Region 3 ❖ <i>Laura Mohollen</i>, Branch Chief, Superfund and Emergency Management Division, EPA Region 3
<p>Revitalizing Communities through Successful Brownfields Funding</p>	<p>Make an impact in your neighborhood - learn from experienced organizations how Brownfield Grants provide funding to clean up and revitalize your community by reinvesting in idle and abandoned properties to increase your local tax base, facilitate job growth, utilize existing infrastructure, take development pressures off undeveloped, open land, and improve & protect the environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Susan Spielberger</i>, Branch Chief, Brownfields and Revitalization Branch, EPA Region 3 ❖ <i>Carrie Staton</i>, Director, Brownfields Assistance Center at WVU and WVU Technical Assistance to Brownfields ❖ <i>Katie See</i>, Brownfields Redevelopment Specialist, WVU Technical Assistance to Brownfields ❖ <i>Marvin Six</i>, Executive Director, Business Development Corporation of the Northern Panhandle ❖ <i>Juan Garrett</i>, Executive Director, Riverside Center for Innovation ❖ <i>Jacob Keeney</i>, Assistant Executive Director, Business Development Corporation of the Northern Panhandle
<p>Think Small Business First, It's a Win/Win! The Benefits of Using Small and Disadvantage Businesses</p>	<p>This session will provide attendees with information and resources to utilize and/or increase utilization of small businesses, as well as the four statutory socioeconomic</p>

	<p>subcategories, within their communities, as well as highlight the benefits to both the organization as well as its surround communities. It's a win/win!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Dominique Smiley</i>, Director, Southeastern PA Procurement Technical Assistance Center ❖ <i>Hana Jones</i>, Small Business Coordinator, EPA Region 3
<p>Building Green and Resilient Infrastructure through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Opportunities</p>	<p>With historic funding from the BIL, learn more about opportunities to improve climate resilience using green infrastructure, especially in disadvantaged communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Magdalene Cunningham</i>, Clean Water State Revolving Fund Coordinator, Water Division, EPA Region 3 ❖ <i>Robert Boos</i>, Deputy Executive Director for Project Management, Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) ❖ <i>Jeffrey Popp</i>, Senior Program Officer, Chesapeake Bay Trust