



## Upper Marlboro Public Meeting Comments

Thursday, August 6, 2015

### ***What do you want?***

1. Environmental integrity through the process. To make sure that the state is true to their word.
2. What can I do to help? Ways to keep us on a good path.
3. What I can do to help influence legislation to reduce CO2
4. What is the state planning to do to talk to K-12 schools and colleges and the administration of those schools?
5. Find ideas for educating to affect attitude and behavior change. What is the state doing?
6. How are we impacting businesses and how are we showing them that this economical viable without coating them money?
7. How can this process influence local elected officials who dot always have the future in mind.
8. What we are considering is keeping the bay safe and not have to do with fracking. It appears as thigh the state is looking at money and not the fragile environment of Maryland.
9. In 2009, we passed a bill to increase GGRA to 25% so we want to continue to strengthen them.
10. Do we have a response to the individuals that claim that climate change and environmental reductions will cost jobs and cost is more in electricity. What is the response?
11. I want the state to really look at the cost of carbon.

### ***What do you think?***

1. Del. Davis - Maryland is the fifth worst in air quality and asthma. We talk about 5000 hospital visits and we need to do more to clean up power plant emissions. All of those costs accumulate in the energy bills. These are the comments we hear every day so he tries to balance the bill so it passes. We will pass the strengthen the legislation in 2016 so we need you to bug us so that we do our job.
2. Del. Pena Melnyk- with a report card of 100% by MDLCV and unfortunately there are a

lot of politics so if everyone standing here in this room show up at the hearing we will make sure we are able to pass this bill. The big elephant in the room is what is the impact on businesses. We need standing room only during the hearing day and we need you all to have more emails that are unique for each person.

3. Nicole Steele, Grid alternatives, needs good policies like the GGRA so that low income communities are included in the conversation including solar energy. Wants to continue the conversation and continue partnerships with everyone

4. Adam Ortiz, Department of Environment Prince George's County - the county is trying to be a leader and they have over 1 million dollars of energy programs, 6 EV cars, and crew of solace programs

6. Joe Uhlein, Labor Network for Sustainability - making a living on a living planet. We did a study last year on the impact of jobs as a result of the climate crisis. This year we are focusing on infrastructure, storm water delivery projects, and more this year and should be called the Maryland full employment plan. **Submitted "The Impact of Climate Change on Work and Working People in Maryland" to the written record.**

7. Sara Via, Professor of Biology at UMD - urging the renewal of the GGRA and shoot for 90% reduction by 2050. The program is a really good roadmap and we should stay on this road. The commission needs to record increase education across Maryland and how it's impacting people. Keeping the houses as they are at no longer and option. The state enter into a partnership with the Maryland extension program to do climate change integration into their programs.

8. Mike Ewall, Energy Justice - gas fired power plants will not comply with the new power plant laws so we need the commission to support. Clean air Prince George's is working on these programs. We need to stop biomass and chicken poop incineration. We need to stop incinerators and we need a zero waste program that does digesting before landfill. The RPS is the dirtiest of any we have had before so we need to et combustion sources out of it.

9. Brian Ditzler, Sierra club member - renew the GGRA and the assembly should require that 40% renewable by 2025. Transportation is our second most polluter so we need to do the California program to ensure that we are using vehicle miles Traveled per capita and prioritize transit over private vehicles.

10. Ruthie Mundell, Zero Waste Program - turned unwanted building materials into jobs for Prince George's county. We are increasing the impact that we have and would like to reiterate that this plan is a job creator. Has spent her entire life in Maryland and environmental education such as 4h is integral to the future.

11. Liz Feighner, HoCo Climate Change- will this report include what disasters will

happen if we don't tackle climate change? Would like to see black liquor out of RPS

12. Thomas Meyer, Food and Water Watch - 23,000 supporters and Maryland should remove dirty energy from RPS. Should eliminate pollution trading as an alternative. And ban fracking in the state.

13. Kamiya Gray, Brandywine housing association - concerned with natural gas power plants. We ask that you not include natural gas in the plan.

14. Doug Myers, Chesapeake Bay Foundation - clarify the fact sheet it currently reads as though you want sequestration over emissions. Engage the agricultural mathematics to the adaptation of carbon. Consider desolving the silos for mitigation and adaptation as this would allow for more programs for the bay. Given that there are politics you should have a resolution on clean air rules and encourage the attorney general to do so. Ocean acidification task force will be recording these.

15. Rich Romer, Calvert County resident - the projections for sea level rise are staggering for Calvert county so we need to take measures to ensure that this will not happen, it is unacceptable.

16. Mark Posner, Silver Spring resident - climate change poses a mortal damage to our health, environment and economy

17. Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network - start from the bottom up and the top down. In Greenbelt we have a framework document that compliments the states plan and yet the US government doesn't have long term goals for 2020/2050. Maryland is one of 8 states that has goals and we need to communicate to other states and internationally. The goals may not be strong enough so we may need to reconsider that due to the science. We need citizen engagement like discussion circles from Transition Street.

18. Marcus Gillette, coalition for renewable natural gas - how do we hope to engage business interests and groups to participate in this process?

19. Matt Dernoga, College Park Resident and Member of the Young Democrats – wanted to thank the senator and delegates for leadership. Bought the first house and got an energy audit through empower Maryland and got 50% rebates from the program and just had solar panels installed to get the rest of the energy for the home. This shows that the game has changed so we need to look at the progress we've made and look out to a ten year window and double down right now. It's not about financing we should look at a statewide green infrastructure fund and help us finance.

20. Sabrina Fu, Professor at UMD - we need stronger language for renewable energy sources instead of focusing on twentieth century energy choices.

21. Dean Suagee, Cherokee Tribal Government - he has a piece of literature called solar energy let's get passive! -also writes musical satire lyrics called "Blue state world you're living in the red country world" and he wants to remind us to draw into the seventh generation of peace that we should consider it for the next seven generations when it comes to

23. Christiane Graham, Cedar lane Unitarian church - we are causing harm to living animals on the planet and we support the RPS and GGRA plan and while they are not strong they are balanced and well thought out. We urge the continuation and strengthening of this plan.

24. Bonnie Bick, Sierra Club and Mattawomen Watershed - we are moving in the wrong direction with the three new LNG power plants in Brandywine is deplorable. Killing the red line is terrible for the entire state because not giving Baltimore the infrastructure to bece healthier is wrong. Additionally we need to increase forest programs in Baltimore.

25. Sudheer Shukla, Biodiversity for a Livable Planet - look at cover cropping for canon sequestration could allow us to sequester enough carbon emissions for each person by each acre of land. And it would be at \$17 per ton and would enable farmers to make a good living. We have a cover crop plant to address nutrient leakage into the bay and could be useful for climate change.

26. Margaret Roles, Retired Environmental Education teacher - students are eager to learn and more teachers other than science teachers need to incorporate conservation messaging into their lessons.

27. Philip Collins, climate rider - support of the strong plan and the farming cover crop programs and biochar.

28. Nils Bjork - Alaska had a burn the size of Massachusetts and 2 New Jersey's this summer so we need to reduce the impacts of climate change. The article called "a way to a safe and sheltered world" is a blueprint for this work.

29. William Nichols, Prince George's County resident - the commission needs to stay abreast of the changes to energy prices because they are changing every six months. We need to be more optimistic now because things are changing so quickly. Example is Hawaii. We need to be aggressive and not politically safe. Also about efficiency, we should be more aggressive here as well to see how we can mirror federal programs that have stalled. Every entity in public service should look at their energy usage and personnel to ensure that they are efficient. We need a Holistic system based approach for the state and state entities.

30. Shilpa Shenzi, Laurel resident - would like to see a greater emphasis on public

transportation because there aren't enough opportunities. She owns a car because she has to not because she wants to own a car.