

## Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board

- 13 members appointed by the County Executive
  - Energy, air/water quality, environmental governance, community outreach and education, transit, green buildings, and environmental health
- Assist in the implementation of the County's environmental agenda
  - Advice and review to County Executive and County Council
- Accomplishments
  - Annual Legislative Sustainability Breakfasts
  - Green Apple Award
  - Bird Safe Buildings Legislation
  - Solar Task Force
  - Green Infrastructure Network
  - Roving Radish



# Environmental Diversity, Justice and Equity (EDJE) Subcommittee

#### Objectives:

- Engage diverse backgrounds and demographic groups in environmental sustainability initiatives
- Advocate for marginalized communities to ensure equal
  - Protection from flooding and pollution
  - Access to green jobs, healthy food and natural places

Focus on community driven conversations

Leveraging the work of collaboration



### EDJE Engagement Pillars

- Food
  - Local zoning to require community gardening space in high density residential areas
- Trees
  - Tree education, care, planting and cost-share program in low tree canopy communities
- Flooding
  - Direct flood mitigation projects to affected EJ communities
- Health and Environmental Quality (interconnected)
  - Access to green space through trails, loaner bike programs, transit
- Energy insecurity
  - Assistance improving household energy efficiency/Community solar/GHG benefits
- Green Economy/Jobs
  - Job skills training programs/MBE procurement requirements from county vendors

#### Maryland Park Equity Mapper: Non-White Population



- Park Equity
- Environmental Justice
- Pollution Exposure
- Environmental Effects
- Sensitive Populations
- Socioeconomic Factors
- Climate and Health



### Chesapeake Bay Program Environmental Justice and Equity Dashboard

