



Maryland Food System Resiliency Council

Environment & Production Subcommittee
May 12, 2022 1:00pm-2:00pm

1. Welcome

2. Group Discussion

- Mid-year Report Review
 - a. May 16th is the due date for all mid-year report comments, submit comments individually using the June Update to Nov. 1 Interim Report VI Feedback Form.
 - b. Recommendations and reports should be written in a State legislative perspective
 - c. Subcommittee members are interested in working with the Soil Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) on ensuring that adequate consideration is given to the importance of healthy soil as a vehicle for growing food rather than industrial crops.
 - 1. An opportunity for E&P to engage in a session with experts from SHAC, similar to a panel, was identified. E&P should develop questions to facilitate a dialog and determine who should be invited to the conversation.
 - 2. SHAC will meet once a year, therefore clarification is needed regarding the line 280, Pg7. "Subcommittee members are interested in working with the SHAC on ensuring that adequate consideration is given to the importance of healthy soil as a vehicle for growing food rather than industrial crops". E&P can instead support recommendations developed from the SHAC report, as well as, extending these recommendations into food production/food system resiliency.



3. Invite representation from the federal level, grain producers, farmers, etc. into the conversation as it relates to the item indicated above.
 4. The term “industrial crops” should be replaced with commodity crops
 5. Recommending MDE to support food scrap composting on farm for the final soil amendment, so that it may be incorporated into fields in accordance with the farmers’ nutrient management plan (limiting permit challenges)
Refer to [Leafgro GOLD](#)
 6. MSDA report available in or after 2024 – more information to come
 7. Food waste and composting recommendations can be considered for the Nov. 1 report
 - d. Mitigate the carbon footprint of Maryland agriculture and plan for adaptation
 1. E&P Sub-subcommittee will provide further comments upon reviewing the mid-year report.
 - e. Restart the MD Farmers Market Association
 1. Steve McHenry will review this section to ensure written documentation reflects this activity accurately
 - f. Investigate opportunities to collaborate regionally, particularly with neighboring states, to better understand external influences on Maryland’s food system resiliency
 - g. Subcommittee agreed the Environment and Production section of the mid-year report accurately reflected E&P subcommittee activities
- ~~MD Farmers Market Association reboot listening sessions~~
 - Healthy soil and regenerative agriculture practices (supporting current initiatives)
 - a. Group discussion questions:
 1. Do we want to have a panel discussion?
 2. Who should be invited as a panelist?
 - o Alisha Mulkey (Maryland Department of Agriculture)
 - o Ag Economist?



- o Thomas W. Croghan, M.D. (The Vineyards at Dodon, LLC)
- o Philip Bogdonoff (Biodiversity for a Livable Climate)

3. What questions will the subcommittee ask?

4. Shared resources:

- o <https://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/2022/04-28-2022.php>
- o https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/Ag_Overview/stateOverview.php?state=MARYLAND
- o https://mda.maryland.gov/resource_conservation/counties/SoilHealthAdvisoryMembers.pdf

3. Next steps and adjourn

- a. Send Dr. Lansing and/or Brittany suggestions for the panel by May 20, 2022
 - o Who to invite?
 - o What questions should the subcommittee ask?
- b. Brittany and Dr. Lansing will coordinate potential panelists (other information TBD)
- c. Philip Bogdonoff will invite an expert for June 9th subcommittee meeting