

## Mar 3, 2022 | [Environment & Production Subcommittee Meeting](#)

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### Attached documents:

[E&P Parking Lot resources](#)

[Existing MD Food Access Resources](#)

### Notes:

- Intros; welcomed new member Lorien MacAuley
- Legislative update:
  - New bills to track:
    - HB0857 - writing testimony
    - Monitoring HB1216, HB1228
  - Questions/discussion:
    - HB1216 - if it moves to the Senate this week, Steve wants to rediscuss on Monday
    - Cleo is supportive of SMADC bill - wants to see it replicated in other areas of the state
    - Future recommendation from the FSRC?
- Parking lot discussion - list of existing resources
  - MDBest - set to move to a different platform, hiring a new employee to handle MDBest and marketing efforts
    - Would this employee want to join E&P?
    - Can we get involvement from MDA/Maryland's Best in a future E&P meeting?
  - USDA grant to LEAs to develop local food recipes
  - What's in Season resources - MDBest document, suggestions can be made for improvement once new marketing person comes on board
    - Many items are missing from the list, but how to fill those gaps?
    - Can farmers upload this data?
      - Template - farmers could fill out typical availability and information, but there is still uncertainty
      - Can we link this information back to nutrient management reporting?
      - How to reduce the burden on farmers?
  - MDA survey of producers - what platform is best - follow up with Mark
  - Webinars/trainings -
    - UMD sustainable food systems lecture series

- National Good Food Network - Youtube videos
- After session - webinar related to food-related bills that moved, didn't move, etc?
- Relevant research studies and reports
  - MWCOG report
  - Other open-source studies and publications
- Local production and farmer resources
- Goal: ID resources and holes
  - Incorporate into next report
- Use existing resources - add items, etc
  - Consolidate Dropbox content
- USDA Ag census - being conducted in 2022-23, results expected in 2023-24

### **Action items**

- Members: add your own resources and information to the [shared file](#)
- Stephanie: to send reminder to flesh out the shared doc next week
- Vanessa: reach out to Mark Powell about MDBest