



**Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee
May 21, 2014**

1. Community and Business Outreach

- **Local Events** - Clean Air Partners participated in a number local events through-out the Baltimore-Washington region including:
 - Howard County Green Festival
 - U.S. Patent and Trade Office Earth Day Expo
 - Health and Human Services Earth Day Expo
 - Ft. Meade Earth Day
 - Food and Drug Administration Earth Day Expo
 - Arlington Green Living Expo
 - Earth Day Aberdeen
 - U.S. Geological Survey Earth Day Expo
 - Towson TownFest
 - Smithsonian Garden Fest
 - Bike to Work Day

2. Marketing and Public Relations

- **Social Media** - Clean Air Partners held a Twitter Chat during National Air Quality Awareness week. The chat focused on air quality and health. Participants included local expert such as the American Lung Association, Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment, mom bloggers, Go DC GO, and Bike Maryland.
- **Media Coverage** – Chair, Lon Anderson, was interviewed by the Maryland Gazette and WUSA9. The interviews focused on the ozone season, tips to improve air quality, and health effects.

3. Curriculum and Outreach

- **Infographics Challenge** – Clean Air Partners sponsored its second InfoGraphics Challenge for area high school students. The competition engaged students to work as teams to develop thought provoking infographics using standard data and guidelines. The winning team was Richard Wright Public Charter School, Washington, DC.
- **Science Fairs** – This year Clean Air Partners conferred eighteen awards for best science fair project addressing air quality and climate change in Baltimore, Fairfax, Alexandria, Falls Church and Arlington, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, Prince Williams County and Washington D.C. The winners were recognized at our Annual Celebration and can also be found on www.cleanairpartners.net.
- **Poster Contest** – More than 200 posters were received from our 6th annual poster contest for students in grades 4 through 8 residing in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area. The following winners were recognized at the Annual Celebration.

Category 1 (Grades 4-6):

First Place - Maya Valmon, Eastern Middle School, Montgomery County, MD

Second Place - Lindsay Hoang, Eastern Middle School, Montgomery County, MD

Third Place - Haili Bruckner, Eastern Middle School, Montgomery County, MD

Honorable Mention - Natalie Ruano-Velasquez, Eastern Middle School, Montgomery County, MD

Honorable Mention - Alyssa Ma, Eastern Middle School, Montgomery County, MD

Honorable Mention - Mariamawit Aemro, Eastern Middle School, Montgomery County, MD

Category 2 (Grades 7-8):

First Place - Paravi Das, Eagle Ridge Middle School, Loudoun County, VA

Second Place - Isaani Patnaik, J. Michael Lunsford Middle School, Loudoun County, VA

Third Place - Alison Ransom, John Poole Middle School, Montgomery County, MD

Honorable Mention - Margaret King, Ridgely Middle School, Baltimore County, MD

Honorable Mention - Taylor Weigand, J. Michael Lunsford Middle School, Loudoun County, VA

Honorable Mention - Makenzie Pennington, Sparrows Point Middle School, Baltimore County, MD

4. Meetings

- ***Annual Celebration/Awards*** – The Clean Air Partners Annual Awards was held on May 14th at the National Aquarium. Clean Air Partners was honored to have Delegate Mary Washington, Maryland House of Delegates, as the keynote speaker and Tony Pagnotti, FOX 45, as the emcee.