



EPA MID-ATLANTIC REGION 2022 SUMMIT

Working Together to Build a Better, More Equitable Region

Date: **Wednesday, May 25, 2022**

Time: **10am - 4pm**

Location: **Zoom - [Register Here!](#)**

Summit Agenda				
10:00 am	Protect, Empower, Inspire — EPA and You Engaged to Build a Better Community			
11:00 am	Looking Ahead at Mid-Atlantic Priorities			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ An Overview of Environmental Justice: What it Means for our Communities ❖ An Overview of the Draft Region 3 Climate Adaptation Implementation Plan ❖ An Overview of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law 			
12:00 pm	Lunch and Passion Talks			
1:00 – 4:00 pm – A Variety of Sessions, to Include				
Get the Lead Out: Strategies for Protecting Children’s Health & Communities	Aligning Climate Adaptation Plans to Maximize Resilience in the Mid-Atlantic	Safeguarding Public Health: EPA’s Progress on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)	Inequity in Air Quality: Exploring Solutions (Part I)	EJScreen – Identifying Communities Burdened by Environmental Pollution
Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership Overview: Tools and Information for Local Decision Makers	Revitalizing Communities through Successful Brownfields Funding	Utilizing EPA Grants to Improve Your Community: How to Search, Identify, and Apply for EPA Grants	Inequity in Air Quality: Exploring Solutions (Part II)	Using Geospatial Data & Applications to Inform State, Tribal, & Local Initiatives
Building Green and Resilient Infrastructure through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Opportunities	Becoming Climate Resilient: ARC-X and Regional Success Stories	Small Grants, Big Change: Successfully Leveraging Small EJ Grants and Other Resources	Addressing Inequity in Air Quality through Enforcement	Think Small Business First, It’s a Win/Win! The Benefits of Using Small and Disadvantage Businesses
4:00 pm	Closing Remarks by Adam Ortiz, EPA Region 3 Administrator			

Summit Session Descriptions	
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Get the Lead Out: Strategies for Protecting Children's Health & Communities	Learn how the EPA is strengthening efforts to address lead and reduce exposure regionally and nationally, what resources are available to communities and stakeholders to address lead locally, and how the City of Reading, PA successfully developed a lead action plan for their community.
Aligning Climate Adaptation Plans to Maximize Resilience in the Mid-Atlantic	An opportunity to learn more details about EPA Region 3's Climate Adaptation Implementation Plan, as well as to learn about some other climate plans being developed in the Mid-Atlantic Region.
Utilizing EPA Grants to Improve Your Community: How to Search, Identify, and Apply for EPA Grants	Led by EPA grants management staff, this session will provide attendees with information on how to search for and identify grant opportunities for which they are eligible, and how to apply for identified grants, including information on recipient and EPA roles and responsibilities, cost principals, budget creation, and workplan creation.
Inequity in Air Quality: Exploring Solutions (Part I)	Presentations on active efforts to address environmental justice in air quality, and best practices with broad applicability.
EJScreen – Identifying Communities Burdened by Environmental Pollution	EJScreen is EPA's web-based mapping tool for nationally consistent Environmental Justice screening and mapping. The tool combines environmental and demographic data to highlight areas where vulnerable populations may be disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution.
Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership Overview: Tools and Information for Local Decision Makers	This session will provide an overview of the progress the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership is making toward the bay watershed restoration effort as well as highlight information and tools the Partnership has developed for local decision makers.
Becoming Climate Resilient: ARC-X and Regional Success Stories	This overview of ARC-X, an EPA tool designed to help small- to mid-sized communities build climate resilience using a curated package of information, will also feature examples of adaptation work being done in the Region.
Small Grants, Big Change: Successfully Leveraging Small EJ Grants and other Resources	Learn how Alice Coles, and her organization, Bayview Citizen for Social Justice successfully implemented an EPA EJ Small Grant in 1995 and leveraged local, state, and federal resources to obtain over \$11 million in funding to invest and drastically improve the infrastructure of the community of Bayview, VA and the health and wellbeing of its residents.
Inequity in Air Quality: Exploring Solutions (Part II)	Open discussion on active efforts to address environmental justice in air quality, and best practices with broad applicability.
Using Geospatial Data & Applications to Inform State, Tribal, & Local Initiatives	This session will highlight exciting new geospatial data and tools the Regional Office and Chesapeake Bay Program Office are developing that will help with multi-scale assessment, valuation and decision-making

<p>Building Green and Resilient Infrastructure through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Opportunities</p>	<p>With historic funding from the BIL, learn more about opportunities to improve climate resilience using green infrastructure, especially in disadvantaged communities.</p>
<p>Safeguarding Public Health: EPA's Progress on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)</p>	<p>A multi-media update and discussion on the Agency's actions and new policies to safeguard public health, protect the environment, and hold polluters accountable.</p>
<p>Think Small Business First, It's a Win/Win! The Benefits of Using Small and Disadvantage Businesses</p>	<p>This session will provide attendees with information and resources to utilize and/or increase utilization of small businesses, as well as the four statutory socioeconomic subcategories, within their communities, as well as highlight the benefits to both the organization as well as its surround communities. It's a win/win!</p>
<p>Addressing Inequity in Air Quality through Enforcement</p>	<p>Learn about integrating environmental justice into air quality enforcement and compliance from a panel of air quality leaders and experts.</p>
<p>Revitalizing Communities through Successful Brownfields Funding</p>	<p>Make an impact in your neighborhood - learn from experienced organizations how Brownfield Grants provide funding to clean up and revitalize your community by reinvesting in idle and abandoned properties to increase your local tax base, facilitate job growth, utilize existing infrastructure, take development pressures off undeveloped, open land, and improve & protect the environment.</p>