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TO: Susan Summers, Chair  
FROM: Jim Kruger, Workgroup Chair, and Joe Griffiths, Planning Staff  
SUBJECT: Progress Report  
DATE: March 25, 2018

Since the last report in November of 2018, the Education Workgroup (workgroup) held three regular meetings; on 1/8, 2/5, and 3/5. During those meetings, the group focused almost exclusively on organizing and preparing for the Sustainable Growth Challenge submissions (due date of January 18), presentations (February 12), and awards ceremony (March 25).

Over these months, the workgroup tabled its efforts in the development of a Reinvest Maryland pilot training course and pre-application/fast tracking research. However, Catherine Mateer joined the workgroup in late 2018, and the Maryland Department of Planning (Planning) added a new Central Maryland Regional Planner, Victoria Olivier, who will be assisting the group with curriculum development and research in 2019. This expanded group capacity will advance continued and new educational efforts.

### **Sustainable Growth Challenge**

The workgroup received nine Challenge submissions (one withdrawn) by the January 18 due date, which included:

#### St. Mary's College

- Educational Outreach on Applied Sustainability Principles and Practice

#### Morgan State University

- The Maisel-Pro Forma
- Franklin Square Neighborhood Plan

#### University of Maryland

- Prince George's County Watershed Restoration Prioritization
- New Market Plains Winery Site Development
- Streambank Erosion in Harford County-GIS Analysis and Tool

- Growing Excellence: Using Nature to Cultivate Academic Excellence at Prince George's County Schools
- Thoughtful Interventions: Brookside Gardens
- Transit Oriented Development Case Study Report (*Withdrawn*)

On February 12, students representing the eight completed submissions presented their work to the Challenge review team in Crownsville. The reviewers discussed the projects following the presentations, but submitted final scores using the rubric scoring sheet to Joe on February 15. On February 21, the review team conducted a conference call to decide on winners, and selected the following. Students will be presenting for ten minutes each (followed by questions and pictures) on March 25 in the following order, starting around 1:05 pm. Categories for each certificate are indicated by italics in parentheses. Joe will introduce the Challenge starting at 1 pm

- Growing Excellence: Using Nature to Cultivate Academic Excellence at Prince George's County Schools (Introduced by Jim Kruger) (*Stewardship*)
- Applied Sustainability Practicum (Introduced by Catherine Mateer) (*Outreach and Education*)
- Streambank and Road Erosion in Harford County (Introduced by Sandi Olek) (*Innovation*)
- Franklin Square Neighborhood Plan (Introduced by Jessica Zuniga) (*Neighborhood Plan*)

All four groups will receive trophies and certificates. Joe invited supporting faculty and university leadership (including Deans and Presidents) to attend and celebrate the great work of their students. Student groups not chosen this year were also invited to set up tables displaying their work. As of yet, the workgroup has not received any RSVPs for those projects.

**Next Workgroup Meeting: 4/2/2019**