



## Transforming Communities for Clean Land, Safe Water, Healthy Lives

### Speakers

#### **County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III**

During his tenure as Prince George's County Executive, Mr. Baker has concentrated on improving the quality of life for county residents. His Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative has included a focus on cleaning up trash in communities most in need. Under his leadership Prince George's County has, once again, led the state in diverting waste from landfills. The County's Yard Waste Composting Program processes more than 50 tons of material annually and the County's innovative Public Private Partnership approach to stormwater management have earned widespread accolades.



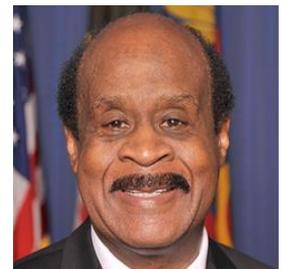
#### **Mayor Muriel Bowser**

As a signatory to the Trash Treaty while serving as a member of the Council of the District of Columbia, Ms. Bowser has been a long-standing supporter of efforts to rid the city of trash and clean up the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Since becoming Mayor in 2015, she has continued to chart a strong course for sustainability in the nation's capital and made the restoration of the Anacostia River a priority. Implementation of the city's Styrofoam ban, is among the priorities being carried out by the District Department of Energy and Environment, which also oversees enforcement of the city's bag law, which was the first in the region.



#### **County Executive Ike Leggett**

Isiah (Ike) Leggett has served as County Executive Montgomery County since December 4, 2006. During his tenure, Leggett has built a record of public service marked by conviction to principle, leadership, and a willingness to take on tough fights and make hard choices. As County Executive, Leggett has focused on making sure that every part of an ever-more-diverse Montgomery County has a seat at the table and a voice in the decisions that affect their lives. He has made the hard choices to put the County's fiscal house in order and invested in growing the jobs of the future.



#### **Secretary Ben Grumbles | Maryland Department of the Environment**

Ben Grumbles is Maryland's Secretary of the Environment. He was appointed by Governor Larry Hogan in 2015. His duties also include serving as Chair of the Governor's Chesapeake Bay Cabinet, Treasurer of the nine-state Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Chairman of the Ozone Transport Commission and member of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. Ben has served as President of the U.S. Water Alliance, EPA Assistant Administrator for Water, and senior staffer and counsel for the Transportation and Infrastructure and Science Committees in the U.S Congress. He's lived, worked, and played in the Chesapeake Bay region since 1985.



### **Lori Arguelles | Alice Ferguson Foundation**

Lori Arguelles brings more than 25 years of experience in executive management, public relations, and government relations to her position as President & CEO of the Alice Ferguson Foundation. Prior to joining the Alice Ferguson Foundation, Lori served as the Vice President of Media and policy strategy for the marine conservation non-profit organization SeaWeb and she was the founding President and CEO of the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation. Previously, Lori served as Director of Communications for Girl Scouts of the USA and also as Director of Public and Constituent Affairs for the U.S. Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.



Starting her professional career as a radio reporter, Lori has worked for several local and national outlets, as an anchor, reporter, and producer. Lori also served as press secretary for two members of congress. Lori earned her undergraduate degree in broadcast journalism and political science from Northern Arizona University and her master's degree in public communication from American University.

### **Rachael Miller | Rozalia Project**

Rachael Miller is the co-founder/Executive Director of Rozalia Project for a Clean Ocean, an organization named in honor of Rachael's great grandmother. As the Executive Director, Rachael leads the program in vision, program development, and working toward achieving Rozalia Project's mission of protecting the ocean. She is also part of the design team for the Cora Ball, a consumer-based solution to microfiber pollution. Rachael holds a USCG 50 ton Master's license and captains the 60' sailing research vessel, American Promise, trains remotely operated vehicle pilots for VideoRay and is a member of the US Sailing Training Committee. Her academic background is in marine studies and underwater archaeology which she studied at Brown University.



### **Adam Ortiz | Prince George's County Department of the Environment**

As Director for the Department of the Environment for Prince George's County, MD, Adam heads a 300 person, \$160M agency dedicated to recycling, composting, clean water, renewable energy and humane animal care. Since his assignment in October 2012, the County moved from 11th to 1st in the State for waste diversion, including producing an award-winning food scrap composting program that has been recognized by The Washington Post. He launched an innovative public-private partnership stormwater retrofit program that is restoring local streams while creating green jobs, an effort recognized by the Aspen Institute, Governing Magazine, the Clinton Global Initiative and The White House. As a volunteer, he is a member of the Local Government Advisory Council to the EPA Administrator and served as President of the Maryland Mayor's Association (2009-2010). He was born and raised in New York's Hudson Valley and has a B.A. from Goucher College in Towson, Maryland.



### **Katie Register | Clean Virginia Waterways**

Katie Register leads Clean Virginia Waterways, which is dedicated to improving Virginia's water resources through citizen stewardship. She coordinates the International Coastal Cleanup in Virginia and conducts research about marine debris issues, litter prevention, and water conservation. Katie has a Master's degree in Environmental Sciences from George Mason University where she examined the environmental impacts of the most common type of litter on Earth: cigarette butts. She also has a Master's degree in teaching biological sciences. She loves gardening and keeping honeybees.



**Jason Rolfe | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

Jason Rolfe has worked as a cartographer, an environmental scientist and a project manager in NOAA's Ocean Service for the past 21 years. After earning his bachelor's degree in environmental sciences from Frostburg State University, he spent his first eight years working in NOAA's Office of Coast Survey making paper and electronic nautical charts and over the past 13 years, Jason has worked in NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration supporting oil spill responses and leading projects that map and investigate the habitat impacts at coastal sites where military munitions are present. Jason joined the Marine Debris Program in 2011 as the acting Deputy for the program working not only on operational tasks but also on emergency response planning for the marine debris that washed up on the shores of West Coast states after the 2011 tsunami that struck northern Japan. He also led the Marine Debris Program's efforts to respond to the debris impacts on East Coast states hit by Hurricane Sandy. In early 2013, he assumed his current position as the Marine Debris Program's Mid-Atlantic and Caribbean regional coordinator.

