



**Clean Air Partners  
Education Program Manager and EJ/Community Engagement  
Recommendations**

# Clean Air Partners' Education Program

The Education Program (school and youth) was established to engage students in the exploration of their environment as they study important air pollution topics.

- 2007 - "On the Air" curriculum finalized. Pilot with teachers and schools across the region.
- 2008 - Contracted with an Education Coordinator/Program Manager.
  - Focused on outreach to students/teachers in Baltimore-Washington schools. Outreach to 10's of thousands of students.
    - Formal outreach - In-Classroom, After School Programs, Summer Schools
    - In-Formal Outreach – Environmental Non-Profits, State and Local Agencies
    - Teacher Professional Development
    - Contests
    - Science fairs
- 2020 – "On the Air" curriculum redesigned to align with NGSS. Air quality/climate change/community focus.
- 2022 – Long-time Education Program Manager retired. Hired new Manager.

# Education Program Manager Feedback

- Promoting the On the Air curriculum to at least one school in each region is a task that can seem unreachable.
- Difficult to prioritize tasks/goals for a large region.
- Consider a regional Education Team to support the program. The Team can boost the credibility of the program (team of experts) and have multiple options for points of contact.
- It is difficult to further develop materials and establish success on your own. Working with a small team or a panel can help.
- Flexibility is limited as there is only 1 contractor for the region.

# Education/Community Workgroup

- During its September 2022 meeting, the Board of Directors established an Education and Community Engagement Workgroup.
- Workgroup Members: Randy Mosier, Jennifer Raley, Gary Allen, Glenna Tinney, Elizabeth Spike, Kelsey Sisko
- Workgroup tasked with developing recommendations for the Education Program Manager and/or Community Engagement contract.

# Workgroup Recommendations

## Education Program Manager

Train-the-Trainer model to focus on supporting teachers in implementing “On the Air” in classrooms.

Major tasks include:

- Teacher training and professional development, disseminate materials to teachers and school districts
- Program outreach through partnerships with education organizations, represent CAP at external meetings/conferences, update/develop materials
- Measure and evaluate program, feedback tools, track teacher training program
- Program administration, securing continuing education credits, contact for CAP’s Education Stakeholder Group



# Workgroup Recommendations

## Community Engagement/EJ Outreach

- Need clarity, goals, and purpose for EJ outreach (mid-long range strategic plan priorities).
- Build relationships with communities – what do they need.
- Board member support and help to move EJ work forward.
- Establish EJ Workgroup to develop organization goals and objectives.