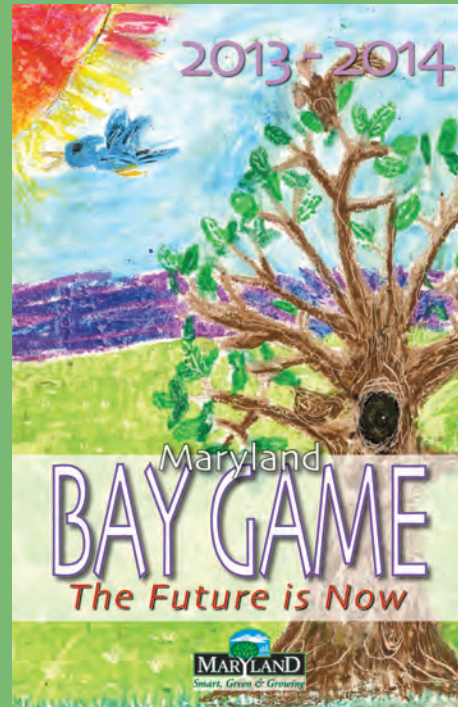


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Maryland Bay Game Explores Climate Change

The 16th annual Maryland Bay Game activity booklet — featuring artwork from the *Color Maryland Green* contest — is now available online and at local libraries, State Parks, visitor centers and other locations throughout the State.



Themed *The Future is Now*, the 2013-2014 edition focuses on the causes and effects of climate change. Within its pages, children and their families will find insight, tips and fun to last all summer long.

Classic pages include bingo and coloring, while new games, riddles and experiments demonstrate concepts such as sea level rise and solar energy. Governor Martin O'Malley's *Maryland Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights* continues to serve as a guide to a backyard scavenger hunt.

The book made its debut at the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education's annual Green Schools Youth Summit, where the Governor spoke with 1,200 students and teachers, "I hope you understand what a beautiful, beautiful gift God has given us in the Chesapeake Bay and what an awesome responsibility we have to pass her on to the next generation. I love you guys very, very much. I'm proud of you and we need you."

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Governor O'Malley addresses 1,200 green student and teachers at the Green Schools Youth Summit at Sandy Point State Park.



Fresh vegetables for sale

Farmers' Market Open Throughout Summer

From 3 to 6 p.m. each Thursday through September 5, the Anne Arundel County Farmers' Market that occupies the Tawes State Office Building parking lot in Annapolis.

Featuring tomatoes, corn, melons, berries and peaches, as well as homemade jerky, candy, baked goods and much more, this popular event conveniently provides family necessities. New additions this year include wine from Green Frogs Winery, fruit-and-herb ice pops from SOCO Artisan Pops and meat from Enticement Farms.

Shopping locally for produce and other goodies helps cut down on packaging and fuel costs, protects and keeps farmland in production, and supports small businesses and local economies. More than 130 farmers' markets are registered with the Department of Agriculture, making local buying easier than ever.



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Paul Kazyak Chosen as Green Employee of the Year

For the second year, DNR has extended special recognition to the greenest, most sustainability-conscious employee. Paul Kazyak of Resource Assessment Services met that description in 2012.

Paul has been advocating, educating and practicing sustainable living within and outside DNR for many years. Frequently consulted by his colleagues on energy and conservation issues, Paul has helped oversee a myriad of green activities, including establishing an all-LED cabin at New Germany State Park, planting thousands of trees — 4,900 this past spring alone! — and reusing old highway signs for a multitude of department projects.

Among his top accomplishments, Paul established *Frostburg Grows* — a greenhouse-training center that instructs people to grow local food and raise native trees. This program generates two permanent jobs per acre in an area with a 50 percent poverty rate.

Paul also teaches graduate level Applied Sustainability at Johns Hopkins, presents ways to generate stewardship at the State Fair, consults schools on greening activities and serves as a member of the Maryland Association of Environmental



Construction of the *Frostburg Grows* greenhouse is well underway. Paul used old highway signs to make the raised beds, water storage tanks and parts of the greenhouse itself.

and Outdoor Educators certification board. Peer instructors he trained while starting the Highlands Environmental Leadership for high schoolers in Western Maryland now run the program.

Even his home-life features sustainable practices, from composting and gardening to driving an electric car

and producing nearly all electricity from solar roof panels.

Fellow biologist Ron Klauda remarks, "I guarantee that anyone who spends 15 minutes talking with Paul about what they should do to live more sustainably will be persuaded by his enthusiasm and vast knowledge."

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