

DRAFT AGENDA
College Park Committee for a Better Environment
Monday, May 22, 2023

7 pm

Location: Online meeting – Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/91731040714>
(agenda is subject to change)

- Amendments to and/or approval of this agenda
- Review and approve April minutes (attached)
- Report on City activities and CBE budget – Janet McCaslin
- Thank you to Sheryl DeWalt for her years of service to CBE

Ongoing Business

- Better Bags – County Bill – opportunity to testify in support on May 30 (see below)
 - Tip of the month for June (thanks Caroline!)
- May parade – Thanks to CBE members who participated.
- Labeling trees on the trolley trail – new labels being placed (5 min)
- Trolley Trail Day (10 minutes) – update on plans for the day
- Stormwater drain art/medallions – (15 min)
 - Spring paintings – new art! – see below for Hollywood Dog Park art. College Park Woods drain also primed and painted.
 - Medallion placement – Girl Scout Troop spring placements in Lakeland.
- Climate Action Plan (10 minutes)
 - Next steps on a plan for College Park – updated content on the website
- Send letter re: incentives for electric leaf blowers and rakes to Council? (see attached).
- Sustainability Survey
- Electric Vehicle Event September 23
 - Outreach to vehicle owners – we may have limited space to work with
 - Proteus is interested in allowing people to test e-bikes – will ask other sellers to take part (can let people test out e-bikes)
 - Table with information about incentives for purchasing electric cars and the CBE magnets, as well as information about the e-bike/scooter rental program.
- Report out on Bee City activities (10 minutes)
- Tips of the month for coming months (5 minutes)
- Green Awards – nominees – collecting for next year, we received one nomination for next year already (5 minutes)
- Tree and Landscape Board report. (10 minutes)

New Business:

Next Meeting: June 26, 2023

Opportunity to testify in support of County Better Bags Bill

My name is Hugo Cantu, Policy Director for Council Chair Tom Dernoga and sponsor of the Better Bag Bill ([Council Bill 32-2023](#)). The bill bans plastic bags and requires retail establishments to charge at least 10 cents for any other bags processed to consumers. The bill will have a public hearing held on [May 30, 2023](#) and following the public hearing, there will be a vote to enact or deny the enactment. We hope you may be willing to support the bill and sign up to testify on May 30, 2023. To testify, please be sure to do so prior to the deadline, which will be 3 PM the day before. Click [here](#) for fact sheet on how to testify.

Quick Summary on CB-32-2023

Council Bill (CB) 32-2023, contains a hybrid ordinance of the plastic bag ban that includes a charge of at least 10 cents, with the retail establishments keeping the full charge. The average large grocery chain typically purchases plastic bags for one to two cents max, and the cost of a paper bag can be four to five times that of a plastic bag hence the inclusion of their full retainment of the charge. Additionally, neighboring jurisdictions are enacting ordinances that either (a) only ban plastic bags, (b) only add a charge to plastic bags, or (c) a hybrid of the two. A survey administered by the Sierra Club between 2019 and 2021 depicts the effectiveness of the three ordinance models in Howard County, Baltimore City, and the City of Laurel, finding that the hybrid model is most effective in pushing for reusable bag usage. Undoubtedly, with an increase in plastic pollution globally, statewide and countywide, it is critical to shift the culture of Prince George's County residents away from single-use carryout bags to reusable bags. Consequently, the enactment of CB-32-2023 will adhere to a priority recommendation outlined in the County's Climate Action Plan: M-10, Expand County waste reduction and diversion efforts. Using a hybrid ordinance model, we can ensure that all Prince George's County residents can continue seeing their county beautified by eliminating single-use carryout bags.

Thank you and please reach out with any questions or concerns. Feel free to share the public hearing date within your network.

Kind Regards,

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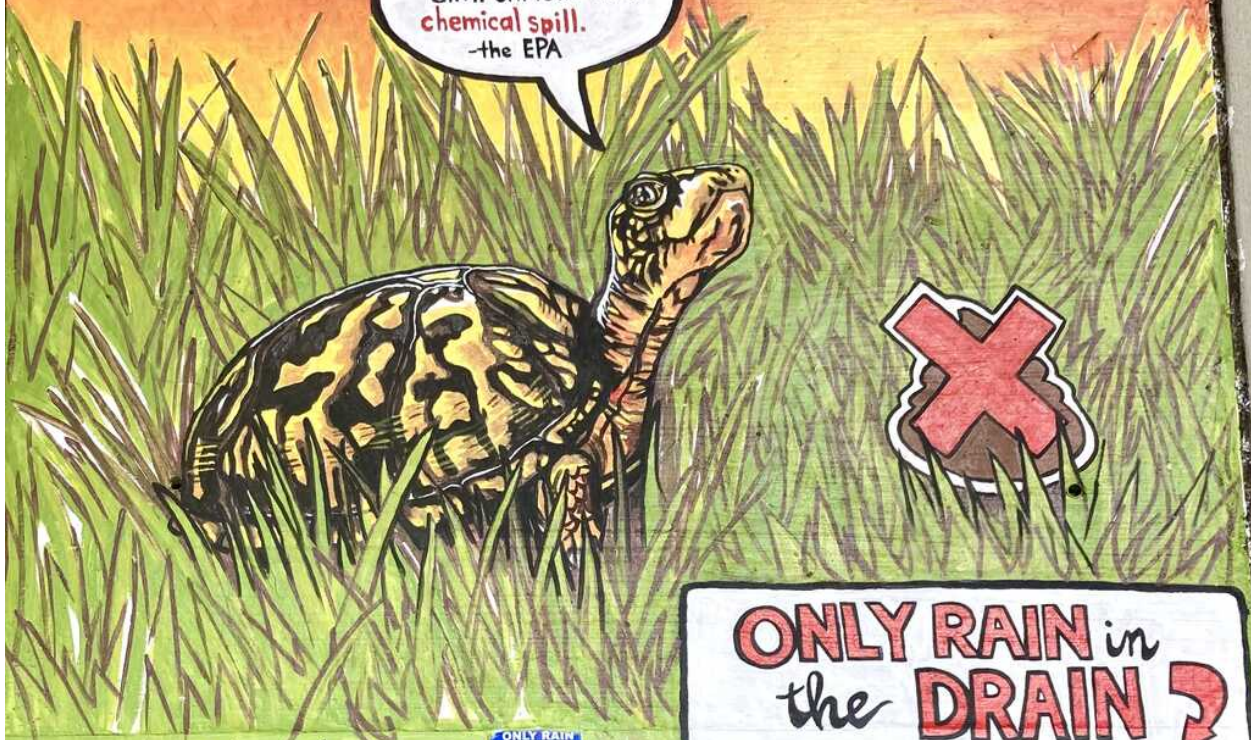
Parade Photo



Storm Drain Art



dog poop is as
toxic to the
environment as a
chemical spill.
-the EPA

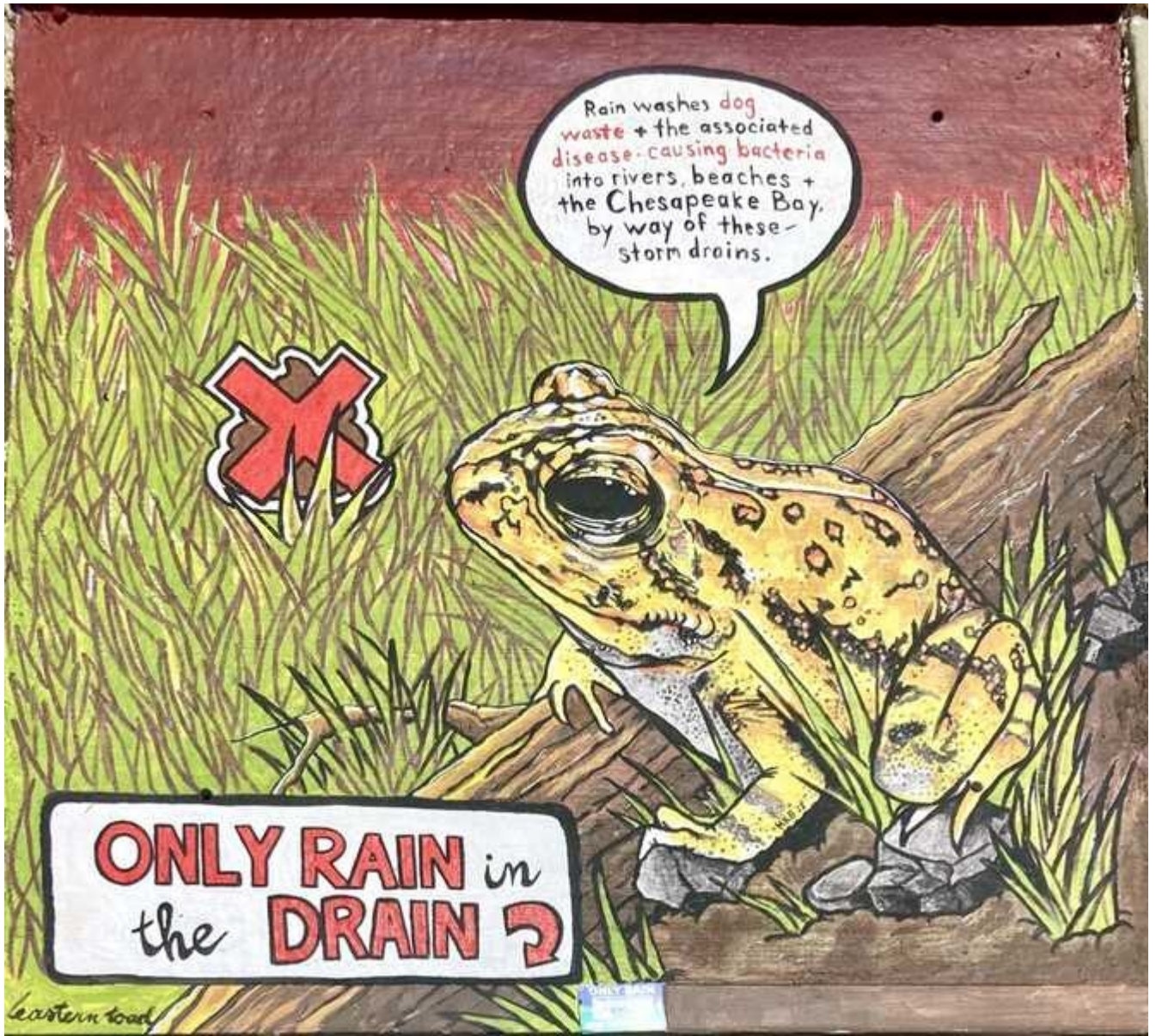


ONLY RAIN in
the **DRAIN** 

eastern box turtle



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Rain washes dog waste + the associated disease-causing bacteria into rivers, beaches + the Chesapeake Bay, by way of these storm drains.



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Eastern toad