



Media Advisory

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Fired Up & Ready to Go: Environmental Leaders Call Baltimoreans to Connect to Climate at the People's Climate March

Baltimore, Md. – On April 19th, the Maryland Environmental Health Network with The Center for Emerging Media and 2640 Space will host an evening to connect Marylanders to the effects of climate change on health and to prepare residents to attend the People's Climate March on April 29th in Washington, DC.

Fired Up & Ready to Go will feature a preview of Tom Horton's documentary *High Tide in Dorchester* (currently in production), a photo exhibition on *Human Costs of Energy Production* made in partnership by the Environmental Integrity Project and the [International League of Conservation Photographers](#), and a panel discussion moderated by Marc Steiner.

Attendees will be provided with materials to make a protest sign, connect to local climate action groups, and sign up for a bus or train to the March. Learn about what's happening across the state and about climate change impacts on our communities.

What: Fired Up & Ready to Go: Call to Action to Attend People's Climate March

When: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 6:00 P.M - 8:00 P.M.

Where: 2640 ST Paul St, Baltimore, MD 21218

Who: Featured Speakers:

- **Marc Steiner** – Moderator, *The Marc Steiner Show*, Center for Emerging Media
- **Delegate Robbyn Lewis** – 46th District, public health professional, sustainability advocate and community leader
- **Tom Horton** – Filmmaker, Environmental Journalist, Admiral of the Chesapeake
- **Destiny Watford** – Goldman Prize Recipient for North America, Free Your Voice / United Workers
- **Eric Schaeffer** – Executive Director of Environmental Integrity Project
- **Tamara Toles O'Laughlin** – Executive Director of Maryland Environmental Health Network

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The Maryland Environmental Health Network (MdEHN) seeks to improve the health of Marylanders by minimizing exposures to environmental threats and toxic chemicals, by promoting effective environmental legislation and institutional policies (including enforcement), and by advancing environmental health equity throughout Maryland. www.MdEHN.org

The Center for Emerging Media (CEM) is a nonprofit Baltimore-based media production company dedicated to airing balanced, in-depth discussions on important issues affecting our community, country and world. CEM's vision is to create programming and productions utilizing the connectivity of all types of media to stimulate our cultural, social and political lives.

2640 Space is a noncommercial, cooperatively managed space for radical politics and grassroots culture.

The Environmental Integrity Project teamed up with the [International League of Conservation Photographers](#) to tell stories of six families who live every day in the shadow of fracking. Three families from Pennsylvania have experienced how the fracking boom industrializes rural countryside, disrupts their quality of life, and damages their health. Three from Western Maryland fear the industry will march southward from Pennsylvania if Maryland lawmakers fail to pass legislation this winter extending a moratorium on fracking in the state that expires in October 2017. All of the individuals featured are warriors: they're fighting to protect their health, preserve their homes and farms, and reclaim their communities.

High Tide in Dorchester The film, High Tide in Dorchester, aims to foster a conversation about climate change and related impacts of sea level rise and erosion, and leverage that conversation into action. The focus, Dorchester County, MD, is already experiencing the future that increasingly faces coastal areas worldwide. This low-lying county on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay is the fourth largest of Maryland's 23 counties by land area, but it is destined to drop to the 14th largest by 2100—or sooner—as waters rise and erosion worsens. Dorchester is the coal miner's canary; ground zero for the Chesapeake Region.

High Tide in Dorchester is a wake-up call: It's time for a retreat from the shoreline, of which the Chesapeake estuary has some 11,000 miles.