Baltimore’s SDGs Executive Team (SDGET)

Composition of the Executive Team
Below is the proposed SDG Executive Committee for Baltimore. This team will be comprised of representatives of key organizations who can provide general knowledge of sustainable development strategies and sustainable development data on Baltimore, and who can provide substantive input into setting quantitative targets for sustainable development in Baltimore.

Invited Participants:

- Tony Bridges, T Bridges Communications
- James Parks, Baltimore Presbytery
- Sheri Parks, University of Maryland
- Jeannie Howe, Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance
- John H. Morris, School of Planning and Community Development, Sojourner Douglas College
- Jessica Varsa, Baltimore Office of Sustainability
- Dana Cooper, Mayor’s Office
- Carol Gilbert, DHCD
- Beth Harber, Abell Foundation
- Benjamin Orr, Maryland Center for Economic Policy
- Scot Spencer, Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Roni Neff, Center for Livable Future, Johns Hopkins University
- Ivan Sascha Sheehan, University of Baltimore
- Seema D. Iyer, University of Baltimore
- Joseph S. Wood, PhD, University of Baltimore
- Roger Hartley, University of Baltimore
- Gerrit Knapp, University of Maryland
- Johnny Mack, Communities Without Boundaries International
- Sandy Ruckstuhl, Sustainable Development Solutions Network
- Paula Boland, United Nations Association
- Stephen Moseley, United Nations Association
- Ed Elmendorf, United Nations Association
- Kevin DeBell, Environmental Protection Agency

First convening of SDGET on December 3
The SDGET will be convened from the first time from 11AM-1PM on 12/3/2015 at the University of Baltimore. The purpose of the session will be to examine preliminary
stocktaking efforts (a Baltimore-SDG mapping spreadsheet). The SDGET will provide additional ideas into what else could be included on the spreadsheet. The results of that discussion will be added to the spreadsheet.

3 SDG Working Sub-groups and Outputs

After the 12/3 event the SDGET will be divided into 3 working groups to perform two tasks: (1) additional strategy and data stocktaking based on their areas of work and expertise on sustainable development in Baltimore, and (2) set quantifiable sustainable development targets for Baltimore - based on the principles of the SDGs. The groups will convene for two working sessions to perform these tasks and produce output reports on the priorities and quantitative targets that they have identified (further details on these outputs TBD).

The schedule for the working sessions will be discussed at the meeting.

The University of Baltimore, as convenor, will later recommend these “sustainability goals” be included in Baltimore’s Comprehensive Master Plan.