



## **Sheila Dixon**

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## **Mayor Dixon Outlines Vision for a Cleaner and Greener Baltimore**

Baltimore, MD (April 28, 2008) – Mayor Sheila Dixon addressed city employees, environmental activists, and community leaders at Baltimore Green Week’s City Day forum at the Public Works Museum today. In the speech, she laid out her long-term goals to make Baltimore City government activity more efficient, responsible and sustainable.

“Making Baltimore a cleaner and greener city starts with us in city government,” said Mayor Dixon. “We need to set an example for city residents. My goal is to receive a commitment from all City operations to adopt the principles and elements of sustainability.”

As the opening to a panel discussion of city agencies discussing sustainability, Mayor Dixon gave an overview of her vision and action plan for the Cleaner-Greener initiative. She mentioned her goals for each city department, including reducing energy use, using fleet management to reduce air pollution, and implementing environmentally preferable purchasing policies, green buildings, and land use planning. She highlighted some early success in her city-wide initiatives, such as a 13 percent increase in recycling because of the Single-Stream recycling initiative, and establishing the Sustainability Commission. Following the remarks, she answered questions from the audience.

The Mayor was joined for a panel discussion by Beth Strommen, Manager in the Office of Sustainability, Ted Atwood, Energy Advisor for the Department of Public Works (DPW), Tonya Simmons, Recycling Coordinator for DPW, and Bronwyn Phillips from the Department of Housing and Community Development’s Permits Office. They discussed specifics of the city’s Sustainability Plan, energy efficiency and recycling programs, and Green Building legislation.

Prior to the panel discussion, attendees were invited to participate in a “Tour de Trash” sponsored by the City. The tour took place on the Coast Guard Cutter Taney and included a visit to the Inner Harbor’s Waterwheel trash interceptor. Bill Stack, Chief of Water Quality at DPW, discussed water quality, storm water run-off and pollution and its effect on Baltimore’s harbor and its watersheds.

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