

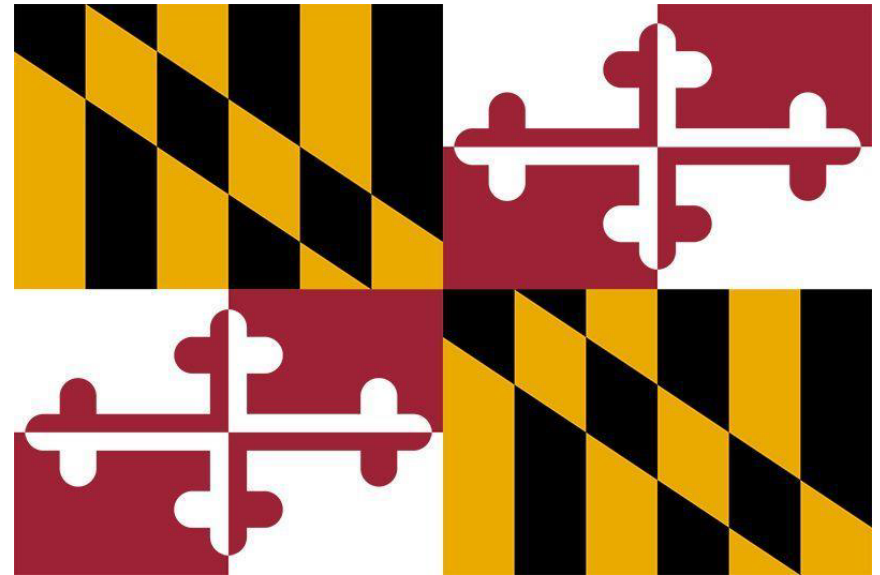


2024 CEAM Legislative Briefing

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Overview

- 2024 Legislative Session
- Big Issues Ahead
 - PFAS
 - Electrification



2024 Legislative Session

The 2024 Legislative Session was intense, MACo tracked 936 bills out of roughly 2700. The second and third years of a term are normally the most hectic.

Big Topics: Housing, Solar, Stream Restoration, Lithium-Ion Batteries, the Budget (Transportation Funding)



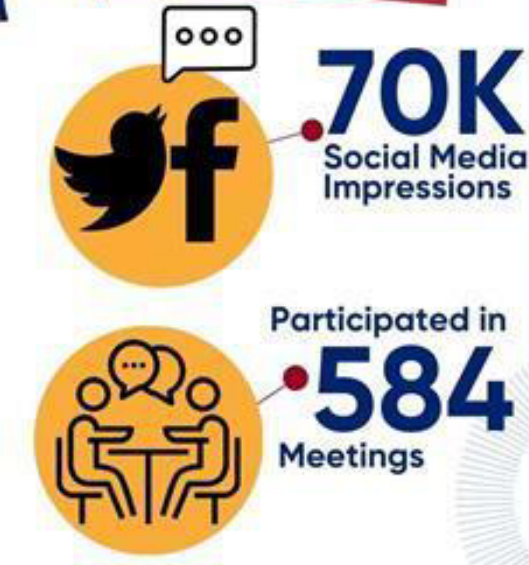
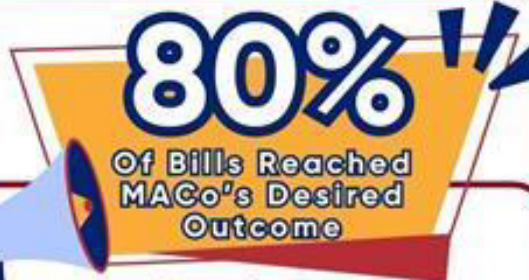
MACo 2024 Legislative Session Snapshot



24 Counties, 1 Voice

County jurisdictions direct ALL MACo positions through weekly meetings www.mdcounties.org

METHODS



RESULTS



2024 Legislative Session

MACo tracked 8 Environmental Bills

- 2 Bills MACo OPP/SWA passed with possible negative outcomes, 6 Bills we achieved desired outcome.
- Highlights
 - Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program – HB449/SB148
 - Standing - Environmental and Natural Resources Protection Proceedings – HB1101/SB653
 - Forest Conservation Act - HB1511

2024 Legislative Session

MACo tracked 17 Transportation & Public Works Bills

- On all 17 bills, MACo was able to either achieve the desired outcome or prevent the legislation from passing.
- Highlights
 - Whole Watershed Act HB1165/SB 969 (IMPROVED)
 - State Highway Projects – Removal, Relocation, and Adjustment of Utility Facilities – Notification, Work Plans, and Compliance HB101 (KILLED)
 - Protecting State Waters From PFAS Pollution Act HB1153/SB956 (IMPROVED)

You're the Reason We WIN!

- MACo's success is driven by the the people sitting in this very room.
- The CEAM affiliate is critical to county success in Annapolis.
- We NEED your engagement during legislative session, and all year long!



Looking Ahead

PFAS

- EPA & MDE becoming increasingly active.
- MDE PFAS monitoring requirement at landfills
- EPA PFAS mitigation for water infrastructure.
- PFAS is likely to become the new “Blueprint”

Electrification

- Increased wear & tear on roads
- Increased risk of fires/worse fires
- New challenges & opportunities with vehicle fleets
- Rethink many aspects of modern infrastructure



THANK YOU CEAM!

Please reach out with any follow up questions or areas not addressed in this briefing.

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