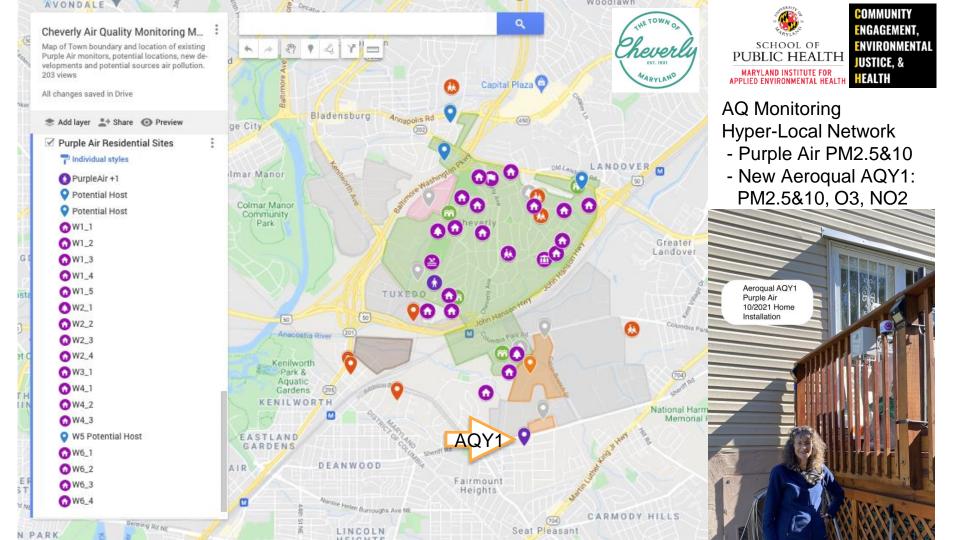
## Hyper-Local Air Quality Sensor Network in the Town of Cheverly, Maryland

Air Sensors International Conference May 11, 2022 Session 1C: Sensor Neworks From nuts to bolts to real-world impacts Karen Moe (NASA Retired) karen.moe@earthlink.net Green Infrastructure Committee Cheverly, Maryland



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#### **Air Quality Compliance**

### **Cheverly Targeted Inspection Initiative**

MDE's Air and Radiation Administration is working in partnership with the Town of Cheverly and the Community Engagement, Environmental Justice, and Health (CEEJH) Laboratory at the University of Maryland School of Public Health to implement a local air monitoring program in the Cheverly area using low-cost sensors to look at community scale air quality. Click here to learn more about the project. A fact sheet about the project is available here.

As part of this partnership, MDE has begun to implement a targeted inspection initiative in and around the Cheverly area. MDE will be conducting inspections (on-site and virtually) and random observations(off-site) at potential sources of air pollution in the area. Below is a daily log of our activity under this initiative and links to any inspection reports that have been finalized.

#### Cheverly Targeted Inspection Initiative - Area Sources





#### Maryland Department of the Environment's Air Quality Partnership Project in Cheverly, Maryland

This document summarizes a partnership effort to use data from a community-based, hyper-local air sensor network and local traffic data to target air emissions inspections and analyze air quality in the Cheverly, MD/Sheriff Road area

October 04, 2021

The Cheverly, MD/Sheriff Road Purple Air, Hyper-Local, Air Monitoring Network



### Cheverly Targeted Inspection Initiative

Cheverly Area Sites	•	Select date range	•	
Inspection Date 0 *	Cheverly Area Sites 😐 🔸	Additional Sites	Result	Inspection Reports
Mar 25, 2022		MDV Spartan Nash 6304 Sheriff Rd, Greater Landuver, MD 20785	Delivered Idling Compliance Advisory/Leadership Request	
Mar 25, 2022		Maurice Electrical Supply 6500A Sheriff Rd, Greater Landover, MD 20785	Delivered Idling Compliance Advisory/Leadership Request	
Mar 25, 2022		Martz Group 5500 Tusedo Rd, Hyattsville, MD 20781	Delivered Idling Compliance Advisory/Leadership Request	
Mar 25, 2022		Kelly Press Inc 1701 Calain Branch Dr, Cheverly, MD 20785	Delivered Idling Compliance Advisory/Leadership Request	
Mar 25, 2022	Aggregate Industries		No idling or dust observed	
Mar 25, 2022	Aggregate Industries		No dust or idling observed	
Mar 25, 2022	Aggregate and Dirt Solutions		No dust or idling observed	
Mar 25, 2022	Brandywine Sand and Gravel		No dust observed, brief iding observed	
Mar 25, 2022	Greyhound Bus		No idling observed	

# **Cheverly AQ Monitoring Project**

Cheverly MD Air Quality Data Sources:

- Cheverly & U of Maryland's "hyper-local" air quality sensor network:
  - 26 Purple Air PM2.5 monitors, 2 Aeroqual AQY1 (ozone, nitrogen dioxide)
- NASA AIST "Digital Twin" intern project for Purple Air and EPA Air Quality monitors

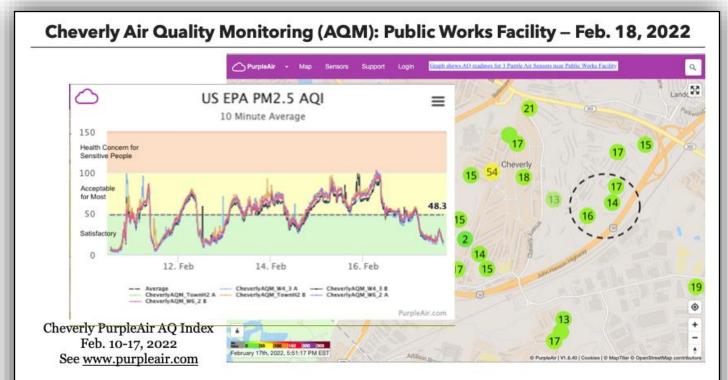
# Cheverly Town Managers & Community Advisory Board:

- Relevant maps and data to complement sensors, e.g.,
  - Health statistics, zoning, weather patterns, AQ
- Analysis tools to explore the data, identify questions
- Actionable data products
  - Town managers and residents









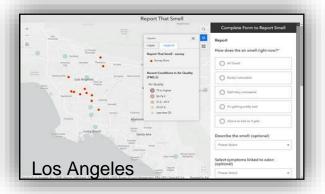
In 2020, the Cheverly AQM project partnered with the University of Maryland School of Public Health to install PurpleAir sensors to measure PM2.5 (2.5 micron particulate matter), a key air pollutant affecting public health. The goal is to monitor the environmental factors contributing to AQ and produce an AQ baseline. Monitoring the current AQ helps us assess the impact of cumulative air pollution from traffic and other industrial and residential sources, and provide useful information to the public as well as state and local government. This AQM report shows the current range of the EPA AQ index values continually produced every 10 minutes for the 3 sensors nearest to the Public Works facility. The average AQI for this period, 48.3, is borderline acceptable, or fair with sensitive groups experiencing minor to moderate symptoms with longterm exposure.

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# Air Quality Cluster



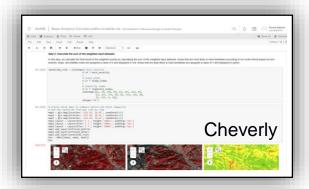
Promoting innovative understanding of shared needs in providing useful Air Quality information to non-traditional research users.



How a local government can better reach individuals with actionable information regarding the threat of adverse air quality.

#### Tags:

air quality, community resilience, health, GIS, citizen science, EPA



How to use citizen science to build a seasonal baseline of localized air quality to help assess and adapt to change.

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