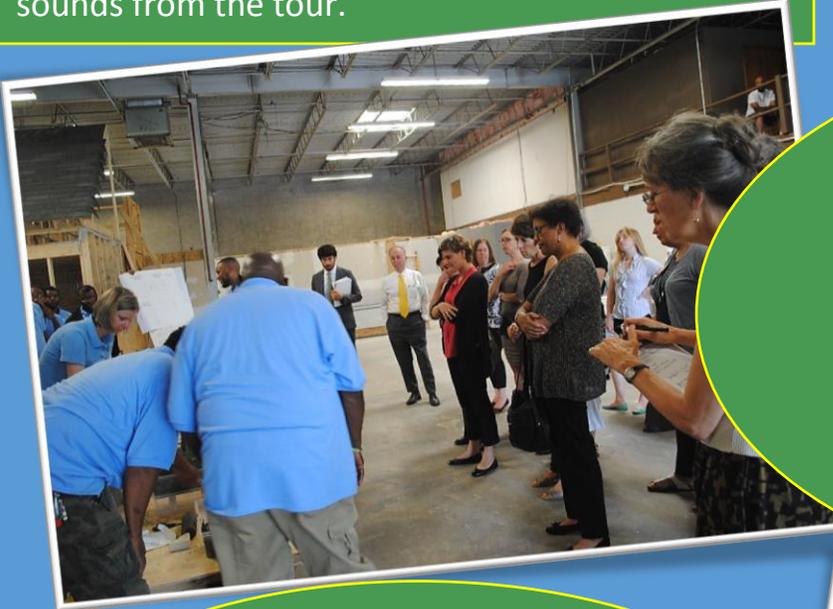


On Monday, June 12, ABAG Members went on a [Site Visit to Civic Works' Baltimore Center for Green Careers](#) to meet the first participants in the region's first ever Stormwater Installation and Maintenance Technician training and certification program. Members toured the classroom and hands-on lab spaces learning how graduates prepare to install best practices that reliably reduce local flooding and divert polluted water from the Bay. ABAG captured positive sights and sounds from the tour.



"Civic Works and their employer partners are supporting a program model that results in well trained, motivated and prepared Baltimore City residents for a career that can provide future opportunities for advancement."

Marci Hunn

The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

"This training program powerfully connects caring for people with caring for place. Very special to accomplish both!"

Rebecca Ruggles

Coordinator, ABAG's Green Funders  
Affinity Group



"This program is made possible in part by city storm water fees so it is an example of the fee both contributing to cleaning the waterways and being used to employ city residents in living wage jobs."

Elizabeth Perriello Rice

France-Merrick Foundation



"This site visit is a good illustration of ABAG's role in connecting funders across fields and deepening the peer-to-peer conversation. The Baltimore Workforce Funders Collaborative and the Green Funders got to see through each other's eyes."

Linda Dworak  
Director, Baltimore Workforce Funders Collaborative



"Everyone left feeling inspired, optimistic and encouraged by the work you have all done and the enthusiasm from this first class."

Julie Hester  
The Campbell Foundation



"Civic Works embraces the idea of job creation by meeting employer demand and creating jobs that have meaning."

Melanie Styles  
The Abell Foundation

"I left feeling so satisfied that we had finally met the goal of getting people living wage jobs. I told my board and staff, I had a definite career highlight moment as I toured yesterday."

Hye Yeong Kwon  
Center for Watershed Protection

