



Green Team Report to Town Council

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Current Activities:

Sustainable Maryland initiative – On Friday, October 13, we attended a ceremony in Rockville where we officially received our triennial recertification. Sustainable Maryland is a collaborative effort between the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) at the University of Maryland and the Maryland Municipal League. The mission of Sustainable Maryland is to enhance livability for all Marylanders by helping municipalities choose a direction for their sustainability efforts, improve access to resources needed to implement action, measure their progress, and gain recognition for their accomplishments. Sustainable Maryland helps communities are afforded access to training, tools, funding, and expert guidance on conserving resources while promoting community resiliency. (<http://sustainablemaryland.com>)

Once the detailed breakdown of our recertification score is made available, the Green Team will identify areas where we can improve our score, and develop initiatives in these areas.

Community Outreach - The Green Team, in partnership with CBOCS, has an exhibition station at Greenstreet Nursery for their Fall Festival being held every weekend this month. Volunteers from both the Green Team and CBOCS are staffing the booth and providing information and educational materials to the public.

We will also have a booth at the Halloween Family Fun Night at the waterpark. We will be handing out special green treats (little individual planting kits) to the first 200 visitors!

We are reaching out to the local Home Owner Associations to request an invitation to their annual Presidents meeting. This will increase our visibility, and enable us to both make and receive suggestions for furthering our efforts.

Education – We have met with the Twin Beaches librarian, regarding setting up an exhibit in the library. She was enthusiastic about the idea, and agreed to acquire the publications that we suggest. The Chesapeake Beach Garden Club will help us compile a list. She also suggested that



we invite librarian Sandy Hunting to join the team as a permanent liaison between the team and the library.

Strategic Planning:

Based on the detailed score we received from the Sustainable Maryland recertification, we will compile and prioritize a list of specific initiatives in the areas of:

Community Action
Community-Based Food Systems
Energy
Greenhouse Gas

Local Economies
Natural Resources
Planning and Land Use
Health and Wellness

We will use this prioritized list to develop a tactical plan for the coming year, and a 3 and 5 year strategic plan.