



Green Team Report to Town Council

Barbara Kete, Green Team Chair

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Outreach:

Town Halloween Fun Night – In lieu of candy, we distributed 250 mini planting kits (dehydrated peat pot, pumpkin seeds, and planting instructions). The kits were a big success, and were all given out within the first hour!

General:

Per discussions between Barbara Kete and John Bacon, the Green Team will take over responsibility for all gardens, planting, and signage on the Railroad Trail. CBOCS will, of course, continue with all oyster, wildlife, and water-related matters.

Sustainable Maryland Community Initiative:

On October 13th we were officially recertified, with 210 points, as a Sustainable Maryland Community. Throughout the state 68 communities are currently participating in the Sustainable Maryland Community initiative, with 40 communities certified.

In reviewing the categories and possible and awarded points we identified several areas where the Green Team would like to focus its efforts and explore new initiatives. Two quick hits are: Green Team training (5 points), and establishing a Sustainable Maryland Resource Center (5 points). We will contact the Sustainable Maryland folks to schedule the training, and will structure our library exhibit to conform to SMC Resource Center guidelines.

The team decided to research the following areas to determine their feasibility as team projects:

Health and Wellness – Calvert Health has a nutrition program. We will contact them to schedule a presentation to the team, and solicit their ideas on what we can do to encourage healthier opportunities and choices for our fellow citizens.

Energy – This topic generated a lot of interest. We will get information on alternative energy sources and suppliers, and contact personnel from Ann Arundel Community College who can provide information on their use of solar energy and community solar banks. We discussed inviting representatives of multiple solar panel vendors to participate in a general information panel discussion



open to the public, including our neighbors in North Beach, on solar energy options, both residential and municipal.

Greenhouse Gas – Team members will conduct preliminary research into greenhouse gas and relevant planning and zoning considerations.

Natural Resources – In addition to encouraging Baywise gardening we need to look into other ways to improve watershed stewardship. We will try to address local homeowners' associations on their opportunities to improve watershed maintenance and control storm water run-off. We are working on developing a basic presentation.

Community Based Food System – Some team members will research ideas and opportunities for initiatives.

General – we will work with Larry Jaworski on ideas for supporting local business, and presenting a Green Fair.