

Green Team Priority Issues Update: Summary Sept. 2016

First tier priorities: Energy Efficiency (multifamily, commercial, municipal)

Renewable Energy

Second tier priorities: Urban Tree Canopy

Waste Management

Energy Efficiency (single family residential)

Transportation and Carbon Emissions Reduction

Third tier priorities: Integrated Natural Resources: Stormwater

Open Space

Environmental Aspects of Council Priorities

Energy Efficiency Goal: 1st and 2nd tiers. Achieve more efficient energy use for Takoma Park multifamily buildings, businesses, and City operations to save money, reduce greenhouse gases and carbon emissions in the City. After final push for Georgetown prize, focus less on single family homes.

Renewable Energy Goal: 1st tier. Increase renewable energy (particularly solar) in Takoma Park's energy mix in City, commercial, residential sectors, including electricity, heating/cooling, and transportation.

Urban Tree Canopy Goal: 2nd tier. Set urban tree canopy goals for abundance (percent canopy) and diversity (variety of trees), develop a simple and reliable way of assessing progress in attaining them, and identify ways to implement them.

Waste Management Goal: 2nd tier. Create and implement an action strategy to move City toward zero waste by improving and expanding current waste management projects, reducing litter, and incorporating new efforts in composting, multifamily recycling, polystyrene and plastic.

Transportation Goal: 2nd tier. Enhance transportation options for all City residents, to reduce greenhouse gas and other emissions, and to promote a livable/walkable/healthy community.

Integrated NR/Stormwater Goal: 3rd tier. To work towards an integrated Natural Resources Strategy, focus on stormwater, bringing together existing goals and programs for stormwater and water quality, and developing private sector outreach and incentives.

Open Space Goal: 3rd tier. Create a clear and actionable open space plan that prepares Takoma Park to respond strategically to emerging opportunities while maintaining our current open space inventory to meet diverse needs.

Environmental Aspects Goal: 3rd tier. Consider the environmental aspects of Council citywide priorities, and identify opportunities to build in environmental actions to all significant Council decisions and policies.

Current City Council Priorities 2016: Summary

1. A Livable Community For All

- a. Identify Youth & Family Programming Needs
- b. Formalize Relationships With Neighboring Jurisdictions (enhance public safety)
- c. Ensure Stable Housing Options

2. Fiscally Sustainable Government

- a. Increase Funding from Montgomery County
- b. Adopt Reserves Financial Policy

3. Environmentally Sustainable Community

- a. Increase Use of Renewable Energy

4. Engaged, Responsive & Service Oriented Government

- a. Identify Policing Priorities
- b. Improve Communications with Residents

5. Advance Economic Development Efforts

- a. Attract New Business (formalize economic development strategy)

2016 Update to Sustainable MD Three Year Action Plan: for review

Year 1 (by Spring 2015)	Year 2 (by Spring 2016)	Year 3 (by Spring 2017)	Year 4 (by Spring 2018)	COE Priority
✓ Develop urban tree canopy goal	Develop urban tree canopy goal	Adopt urban tree canopy goal		Natural resources
✓ Adopt green purchasing	✓ Adopt a plastic bag ban			
✓ Adopt a polystyrene ban				
✓ Initiate open space plan		Complete open space plan	Initiate innovative natural resources projects	Open space
✓ Begin implementing Sustainability Action Plan for residential energy efficiency program	✓ Implement Plan actions for residential energy efficiency (exceeded goal of 100+ households)	✓ Implement Plan actions for multifamily energy efficiency (2 projects completed)	Implement Plan actions for multifamily energy efficiency (goal: outreach to all multifamily residences)	Energy efficiency
	✓ Initiate energy efficiency projects for the business sector	Being to implement other Plan elements	Implement other Plan elements	Energy efficiency
		Begin Climate Action* Plan		Energy efficiency, transportation

* Also can contribute to Compact of Mayors program, which seeks GHG targets and a plan

Previous Sustainable MD actions no longer City priority: Initiate and implement green business certification, with goal of 10% of businesses participating; Initiate community gardening programs