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.