



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – January 11, 2017 Agenda Item 1

### **Voting Session**

Resolution Affirming FY 2018 Green Team Priorities

### **Recommended Council Action**

Adopt the resolution.

### **Context with Key Issues**

The Takoma Park Green Team is comprised of the City Council and the Committee on the Environment. At least once a year, the Green Team meets to review ongoing sustainability efforts and to set priorities for the next year. The most recent Green Team meeting was held on October 3, 2016.

The Green Team priorities were reviewed and revised at the October 3, 2016 meeting. At the City Council meeting on November 30, 2016, the Council conducted a final review of the priorities and affirmed its intention to adopt them as drafted.

### **Council Priority**

Environmentally Sustainable Community

### **Environmental Impact of Action**

The Green Team Priorities will set the agenda for sustainability efforts in the next fiscal year.

### **Fiscal Impact of Action**

To be determined.

### **Attachments and Links**

Draft Resolution Affirming the FY 2018 Green Team Priorities

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2017-  
AFFIRMING THE FY 2018 GREEN TEAM PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, the City Council and Committee on the Environment join together as the Green Team at least once each year to review ongoing sustainability efforts and set priorities for the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Green Team met on October 3, 2016 to review and refine priorities; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on November 30, 2016, the City Council affirmed its intention to adopt those mutually agreed upon priorities for FY 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the Takoma Park Green Team Priorities dated October 3, 2016, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, shall serve to guide the City's sustainability efforts in Fiscal Year 2018.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk

## City of Takoma Park Fiscal Year 2018 Green Team Priorities October 3, 2016

### **Affirmed by City Council Resolution 2017-\_\_**

These mutually agreed on priorities arose from an October 3 Green Team meeting of the Takoma Park City Council, Committee on Environment, and City sustainability manager.

**First tier priorities:** Energy Efficiency (multifamily, commercial, municipal)  
Renewable Energy  
Urban Tree Canopy

**Second tier priorities:** Waste Management  
Energy Efficiency (single family residential)  
Transportation and Carbon Emissions Reduction

**Third tier priorities:** Integrated Natural Resources: Stormwater  
Integrated Natural Resources: Water Quality  
Open Space  
Environmental Aspects of Council Priorities

**Energy Efficiency Goal:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> tier. Set urban tree canopy goals for abundance (percent canopy) and diversity (species and age of trees), develop a simple and reliable way of assessing progress in attaining them, and identify both immediate steps and long term opportunities for retention, maintenance and growth.

**Waste Management Goal:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> tier. To enhance transportation options for all City residents, reduce greenhouse gas and other emissions, and promote a livable/walkable/healthy community, continue and expand City's current efforts.

**Integrated NR/Water Quality and Stormwater Goal:** 3<sup>rd</sup> tier. To move towards integrating the City's natural resources strategies, develop an action strategy to improve water quality in the City and bring together stormwater goals and programs (both public and private sector initiatives). The focus is on a clear definition of specific problems the City can address, intended successes, and ways to address specific water quality issues in Sligo Creek, pursue stream restoration, and consider feasibility of daylighting one or more stream stretches. This would recognize connections with other City environmental priorities (such as tree canopy, open space).

**Open Space Goal:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Integrating Environmental Opportunities Goal:** 3<sup>rd</sup> tier. Consider the environmental aspects of Council citywide priorities, and identify opportunities to build in environmental actions to all significant Council decisions and policies, specifically affordable housing initiative and economic development proposals in the New Hampshire Ave corridor.