

## Takoma Park Green Team Priorities – October 2016 – October 2019

**One-page summary for spring Green Team meeting and budget setting for FY18-19. The supplemental pages go into more detail on each item, with some footnotes.**

Pre-amble:

This working document is part of the Sustainable Maryland certification program whereby the city gets points for previous and current actions toward sustainable activities. We have twice come in with top evaluation scores, and part of the program is to regularly update action plans, and meet and coordinate with city staff/officials.

This version was edited/updated June 2017, and should probably get a re-write with input from the new council and be shifted according to some staff and committee capacity changes due to staff and committee member turnover. As it is really the PEOPLE, often with funding or allocated staff time, who are involved who will move things forward. Goals and action steps without a specific commitments to get things done, will not likely get done.

The draft below should take into account that HCD staffer, Erkin Ozberk, who lead the research on open space research and planning has moved on and his workload has not yet been re-assigned/prioritized.

Additionally – we have several committee members rotating off who were leading various topic areas (Paul Chrostowski UTC/Water quality; Lauren Marshall UTC/Open Space, and Sarah Mazur – Sust MD... Cindy Dyballa, and others), suggesting that we need new volunteers or staff support there or possibly to re-prioritize the draft.

## updated/edited/revised – June 2017 – Time to Edit again Spring 2018

### **Green Team Vision Statement**

The Takoma Park Green Team will maintain and grow Takoma Park's role as a sustainable community leader by completing all relevant Sustainable Maryland action items.

### **Green Team Three Year Goals:**

- ✓ Complete at least two new Sustainable Maryland actions per year.
- ✓ Begin work on at least two new Sustainable Maryland actions per year.
- Achieve the highest tier status (e.g., Gold?) the first year Sustainable Maryland offers this option.

These mutually agreed on priorities arose from an October 3, [2016](#) Green Team meeting of the Takoma Park City Council, Committee on Environment, and City sustainability manager and subsequent revisions.

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

Renewable Energy

Urban Tree Canopy

**(Paul C/Lauren M, move down??)**

**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 – **discuss proposal to elevate this**

Open Space

Environmental Aspects of Council Priorities (Integrating Environmental Opportunities Goal)