


Takoma Park City Council Priorities – Adopted March 2018


 Environmentally Sustainable Community			
Goal	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Achieved
Continue to be a leader in community sustainability.	Continue program and policy efforts for more efficient energy use, especially for renters and multi-family buildings, businesses, and City operations. (P/B)	Improved energy efficiency City-wide; increasingly sustainable City operations and building; increased use of renewables and offsets.	
	Increase use of renewable energy (especially solar) throughout the City; offer bulk buy of solar and/or wind power to residents; consider incentives for multifamily buildings and new buildings; continue efforts related to electric vehicle use. (P/B)		
	Consider draft Strategic Plan related to housing and economic development and adopt strategies to promote and ensure sustainable development. (P/B)		
Preserve and grow tree canopy.	Establish and support tree and tree canopy goals through programs and education; identify opportunities for tree retention, maintenance, and growth. (B)	Greater maintenance of mature trees; more plantings on City and private property.	
	Coordinate efforts to review tree ordinance with tree canopy goals to ensure changes to the tree ordinance advance and do not adversely impact tree canopy goals. (P)		

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Major projects, initiatives and ongoing activities

- Enforcement, education, and outreach related to City codes – polystyrene ban; Safe Grow; multifamily and business recycling; plastic bag ban; snow clearing
- Continue work toward achievement of all Green Team priorities.
- Continue implementation of Sustainable Energy Action Plan
- Flower Avenue Green Street
- Implement additional Sustainable Maryland Certified goals
- Continue to implement Council authorized Smart Energy Community Goals for energy reduction and green power
- Implement stormwater management projects to meet State and Federal mandates for 2017 and 2025
- Review stormwater management fee structure; review Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) calculation based on impervious surface; consider incentives for stormwater improvements on private property

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 Engaged, Responsive, Service-oriented Government			
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Improve policies and processes related to the tree ordinance; traffic calming; sidewalk requests, repair and maintenance; and residential/commercial boundary conflicts.	Review existing tree ordinance, and develop and implement improvements. (P/B)	More user-friendly and easy to understand tree ordinance.	