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Green Team Priorities

TIER 1  Carbon Emissions Reduction – energy efficiency, renewable energy
         Urban Tree Canopy – with ordinance update

- CARBON EMISSIONS REDUCTION
  Adding percent, timeline and benchmarks—update SEAP
  Achieve more efficient energy use for City multifamily buildings, businesses, and City operations to save money, reduce City greenhouse gases and carbon emissions. Focus less on single family homes.
  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
  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.

TIER 2  Waste Management
         Transportation – public/mass/alternative and autonomous/electric
         Water Quality

- WASTE MANAGEMENT
  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
  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.

- WATER QUALITY
  Awaiting 1st test results of Brashear’s Run pilot.
  Creating an action plan to add money and potentially raise to Tier 1.
  Focus 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.

TIER 3  Stormwater – including private property
         Development Projects – impact from upcoming
         Open Space – awaiting staff capacity upgrade
         Environmental Aspects of Council Priorities

- STORMWATER
  Include private property

- DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
  Takoma Junction, Montgomery College, Purple Line and Washington Adventist Hospital relocation
  What would be done beyond existing building codes, construction standards and construction methods? (maybe copy from other jurisdictions—we have city tree protection plan, stormwater review?, add: future energy source (on/off site), electric vehicle parking.)

- OPEN SPACE
  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 OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES
  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.