

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 city-wide 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.