

Introduced by: Councilmember Male

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**RESOLUTION 2017-1
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 11th day of January, 2017.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

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

Affirmed by City Council Resolution 2017-1

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: 1st and 2nd 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: 1st 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: 1st 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: 2nd 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: 2nd 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: 3rd 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: 3rd 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: 3rd 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.