

MML Guide to Sustainability Resources

Social Equity

Community Action	<p>Sustainable Maryland- A “one-stop-shopping” program helping municipalities choose a direction for their sustainability efforts, improve access to resources needed to implement action, measure their progress, and gain recognition for their accomplishments.</p>	<p>http://www.sustainablemaryland.com/</p>
	<p>Business Volunteers Maryland- connects companies and individuals to results-focused volunteerism.</p>	<p>http://businessvolunteersmd.org/</p>
	<p>Sign Up Genius- A free group organizing web tool that helps communities keep track of and communicate with volunteers.</p>	<p>http://www.signupgenius.com/</p>
	<p>Easel.ly & Piktocharts- A free web tool that features thousands of infographic templates and design objects which allows users without intensive experience as graphic designers to easily share their visual ideas online.</p>	<p>http://www.easel.ly/ http://piktochart.com/</p>
Community Based Food	<p>Atavist- A free multimedia publishing platform that assists communities design online reports and serves as a storytelling tool.</p>	<p>https://atavist.com/</p>
	<p>UMD Extension- Provides programs and technical assistance in food & nutrition, home gardening, agriculture, and many more citizen engagement outreach opportunities.</p>	<p>http://extension.umd.edu/</p>
	<p>Local Food Shift- A campaign designed to empower communities to marshal their efforts in beginning to shift their food systems towards the local.</p>	<p>http://localfoodshift.com/</p>
	<p>Maryland Department of Agriculture- Info on Maryland Farmers Markets.</p>	<p>http://mda.maryland.gov/maryland_products/pages/farmers_market_dir.aspx</p>
Health & Wellness	<p>Managing Maryland's Growth: Planning for the Food System- This publication outlines how the “food system” is central to Maryland's land use planning, economy, and well-being. The report provides case studies, guidelines and models of various local agricultural practices and programs.</p>	<p>https://planning.maryland.gov/PDF/OurProducts/Publications/ModelsGuidelines/mg28.pdf</p>
	<p>HEAL Cities & Towns- Free technical assistance and support to local elected officials and their staff to adopt policies that stem the obesity epidemic and create healthy, prosperous communities.</p>	<p>http://www.healcitiesmidatlantic.org/</p>
	<p>Healthiest Maryland Businesses- Campaign that engages leaders, provides technical assistance and resources to support healthy employees and businesses.</p>	<p>http://www.healthiestmdbusinesses.org/</p>
	<p>Action for Healthy Kids- Provides tools and resources to develop school action plans, programs and practices to combat childhood obesity.</p>	<p>http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/</p>

Environmental Well-being

Green Space	<p>Maryland Bikeways Program- promote biking as a fun, healthy transportation alternative that is great for our environment. Provides support for projects that maximize bicycle access and fills gaps in the state’s bicycle system.</p>	<p>http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/Office_of_Planning_and_Capital_Programming/Bike/Bikeways_About.html#FAQ</p>
	<p>Tree City USA- Framework for developing a robust tree canopy program.</p>	<p>https://www.arboday.org/programs/treecityUSA/</p>
	<p>iTree Inventory- A free software tool that helps communities strengthen their forest management and advocacy efforts by quantifying the structure of trees and forests, and the environmental services that trees provide.</p>	<p>http://www.itreetools.org/index.php</p>
	<p>TREE-MENDOUS Maryland- program aimed at helping citizens restore tree cover on public land and community open space.</p>	<p>http://dnr2.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/treemendous/default.aspx</p>
	<p>Maryland Urban and Community Forestry Committee Grants- Program helps community groups fund tree planting and education projects statewide to enhance Maryland’s urban forest.</p>	<p>http://dnr2.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/programs/urban/mucfcgrant.aspx</p>
Stormwater & Watershed	<p>Municipal Online Stormwater Training Center- online platform to provide stormwater education and training that includes tools, resources, and brief educational videos for the purpose of increasing awareness and empowering its stakeholders to take action toward effective stormwater management.</p>	<p>https://www.mostcenter.org/</p>
	<p>Mayors' Water Challenge for Water Conservation- Resources and tools to motivate residents to conserve water and energy resources.</p>	<p>http://www.wylandfoundation.org/p/mayors</p>
	<p>Maryland Sea Grant Extension- Provides grants, capacity, education and outreach, and technical assistance in design assessments, social marketing and behavior change to help the Bay and coastal communities.</p>	<p>http://www.mdsg.umd.edu/topics/extension/our-services</p>
	<p>Backyard Composting- Grants and tools for residential composting.</p>	<p>http://www.backyardcomposting.org/</p>
	<p>Chesapeake Bay Trust- Grant-making organization dedicated to improving the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers through environmental education, community outreach, and local watershed restoration.</p>	<p>http://www.cbtrust.org/</p>
Energy & Resiliency	<p>Re:Focus Partners- They design integrated resilient infrastructure systems and develop new public-private partnerships to align public funds and leverage private investment for vulnerable communities.</p>	<p>http://www.refocuspartners.com/</p>
	<p>Groundswell- Assists towns with obtaining 100% wind power.</p>	<p>http://groundswell.org/</p>
	<p>CoastSmart Communities Grant- Financial assistance to local governments to encourage the incorporation of coastal hazards, sea level rise, and/ or related coastal management issues into their plans, policies and operations.</p>	<p>http://dnr2.maryland.gov/ccs/coastsmart/Pages/grants.aspx</p>
	<p>Maryland Smart Energy Communities- Grant program empowering local governments to adopt energy policy goals and commit to them leading to sustained energy savings and opportunities for renewable energy.</p>	<p>http://energy.maryland.gov/Govt/smartenergycommunities/</p>
	<p>ICLEI- Provides tools and technical assistance to local governments to build more sustainable cities and communities.</p>	<p>http://www.iclei.org/</p>

Economic Development	<p>National League of Cities: Community & Economic Development Committee- Policy resources on issues involving housing, community and economic development, land use, recreation and parks, historic preservation, and international competitiveness.</p>	<p>http://www.nlc.org/influence-federal-policy/policy-committees/community-and-economic-development</p>
	<p>DHCD Sustainable Communities- A place-based community revitalization program used to incentivize planning and action.</p>	<p>http://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/dn/default.aspx</p>
	<p>DHCD Mainstreet Program- Downtown revitalization program to strengthen the economies of main street and neighborhoods.</p>	<p>http://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/programs/MainStreet.aspx</p>
	<p>U.S. Economic Development Administration- Tools on new and emerging economic development concepts for practitioners and policymakers.</p>	<p>https://www.eda.gov/tools/</p>
Waste Reduction	<p>RecycleBank- Free residential recycling outreach and rewards program.</p>	<p>https://www.recyclebank.com</p>
	<p>Trash summit- Grants, toolkits, and other resources for establishing a large scale community trash clean up.</p>	<p>http://fergusonfoundation.org/trash-free-potomac-watershed-initiative/potomac-river-watershed-cleanup/</p>
	<p>TapIt- An app that identifies sites for refillable water bottles helping to reduce the use of plastic bottles.</p>	<p>https://freetapwater.wordpress.com/</p>
Purchasing	<p>Responsible Purchasing Network- Tools and resources on sustainable purchasing policies, practices, and guides.</p>	<p>http://www.responsiblepurchasing.org/index.php</p>
	<p>NASPO Green Purchasing Guide- Recommended steps and proven strategies to enable the implementation of a green purchasing program with links to other resources offering detailed information on elements of the process.</p>	<p>http://www.naspo.org/green/index.html</p>
	<p>Trash Network- Database designed to foster connections between volunteers, organizations, businesses, and governments who are involved with solving the litter problem in the Potomac Watershed.</p>	<p>http://trashnetwork.fergusonfoundation.org/</p>
	<p>Maryland Green Travel- Program helps businesses evaluate their procedures, set goals and take specific actions towards environmental sustainability.</p>	<p>http://visitmaryland.org/green/Pages/LodgingPartners.aspx</p>
	<p>Green America- Comprehensive sustainable purchasing resource helping businesses and communities change their purchasing practices.</p>	<p>http://www.greenamerica.org/</p>



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