



Sustainable Maryland Update

December 2016

Dear Friend

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM SUSTAINABILITY METRICS WORKSHOPS /
WEDNESDAY WEBINARS ARE BACK IN THE NEW YEAR**

Our monthly sampling of news, resources, events and other items of interest from across the sustainability spectrum in Maryland.



Sustainable Maryland wishes you and yours a happy and healthy holiday season!

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Charles County Forestry Grant Program
(Chesapeake Bay Trust)

Deadline: Rolling

[More info](#)

Community Engagement & Restoration Mini-grants
(Chesapeake Bay Trust)

Deadline: Rolling

[More info](#)

Maryland Smart Energy Communities Program
(Maryland Energy Administration)

Deadline: February 16

[More info](#)

Prince Georges County Weatherization Program

Deadline: Rolling

[More info](#)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR SUSTAINABILITY METRICS LEADERSHIP TRAININGS IN CAMBRIDGE, HYATTSVILLE AND HAGERSTOWN



40 people attended our Leadership Training on Sustainability Metrics in Hyattsville

More than 75 elected officials, county and municipal staff, Green Team members, consultants and sustainability advocates attended our recent **Sustainability Metrics: Measuring What Matters** workshops in Cambridge ([photos](#)), Hyattsville ([photos](#)) and Hagerstown ([photos](#)) last month.

Prince Georges County
Raincheck Rebate
(Chesapeake Bay Trust)
Deadline: Rolling
[More info](#)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Building Innovation 2017
Dates: January 9-12
Location: Washington, DC
[Link](#)

Maryland General
Assembly Session Opening
Date: January 11
Location: Annapolis
[Link](#)

Cultivate the Chesapeake
Foodshed Conference
Dates: January 12-14
Location: Hyattsville
[Link](#)

Introduction to
Beekeeping Short Course
Dates: January 22 & 29
Location: Cockeysville
[Link](#)

National Bike Summit
Dates: March 6-9
Location: Washington, DC
[Link](#)

3rd Annual Montgomery
County Energy Summit
Date: April 5
Location: Silver Spring
[Link](#)

[Our Full Events Calendar](#)

SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND MUNICIPALITIES IN THE NEWS

Thurmont Tree



Stefan Muirhead of Ignition72 at the Cambridge workshop

Presentations included:

- Lorraine Doo, Peter Doo, and Rebecca Gullot from [Doo Consulting](#) used several case studies to illustrate how to define the scope of what you are trying to achieve, and identifying the audience for this information;
- Stefan Muirhead from [Ignition72](#) discussed processes, tools, and resources for measuring savings and tracking progress;
- Melissa Lindsjo of [Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission](#) and Kristin Larson of the [City of Bowie](#) described the process of creating Bowie's [Sustainability Plan](#) and the various metrics tracked and communicated to the public;
- Brandy Espinola and Mike Hunninghake from [Sustainable Maryland](#) illustrated the importance of telling stories with data, and examples of tools and resources for doing so at the local level.

The full slate of presentations can be found [here](#).

Planting

[Link](#)

Shop Havre de Grace
on Small Business
Saturday

[Link](#)



Melissa Lindsjo of Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Kristin Larson of the City of Bowie discuss the Bowie Sustainability Plan

WEDNESDAY WEBINARS ON SUSTAINABILITY RING IN THE NEW YEAR IN 2017

After the holidays we'll be offering more of our **Wednesday Webinars on Sustainability**. Topics scheduled so far include ([click on the link for more information and to register](#)):

Wednesday, Feb. 8 - [Growing Your Tree Canopy](#)

Wednesday, Feb. 15 - [Community-Based Mosquito Control Program](#)

Wednesday, Feb. 22 - [How to Organize a Green Expo](#)

Wednesday, March 1 - [Maryland Green Schools](#)

Wednesday, March 8 - [Green Streets in Gaithersburg](#)

Wednesday, March 15 - [SM Certification & Re-Certification in 2017](#)

Join us to learn more about these sustainability topics and how your Green Team can start working on these projects in the new year!

MARYLAND SMART ENERGY COMMUNITIES GRANTS DEADLINE FOR NEW COMMUNITIES IS FEBRUARY 16

Does your town or city have energy efficiency, renewable energy, or transportation fuel reduction projects you would like to initiate but lack the funding? An excellent opportunity to make these projects a reality is the **Maryland Smart Energy Communities (MSEC)** grants.



Applications for BOTH NEW and EXISTING communities are due by February 16.

[Learn More](#)

Questions? Email mikeh75@umd.edu or call 301-405-7956 for assistance.

QUOTE

"I calm myself by thinking that rebellions don't happen in a day."

- Katniss Everdeen, *Catching Fire*, page 101

Sustainable Maryland is an initiative of the [Environmental Finance Center](#) at the [University of Maryland](#). It is a free and voluntary program designed to help Maryland communities choose a direction for their sustainability efforts, improve access to resources needed to implement action, and recognize their accomplishments. Our sponsors include the [Town Creek Foundation](#), [US Environmental Protection Agency](#), and the [Maryland Municipal League](#). For more information about how your municipality can [register](#) in the Sustainable Maryland program, plus customized Green Team training and access to student resources that are available to provide consultancy services for municipal planning, please contact 301 405-7956 or mikeh75@umd.edu

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