



Sustainable Maryland Update

January 2017

Dear Friend

WEDNESDAY WEBINARS ARE BACK IN THE NEW YEAR / STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

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



*Burnside Bridge, Antietam Battlefield, Sharpsburg (Photo: Eric Reed)
Winter is a great time to go for a hike. [Find a state park](#) near you!*

GRANT
OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAY WEBINARS ON SUSTAINABILITY ARE BACK IN 2017

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](#)

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

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](#)

Bethesda Green's Fields of
Green Internship Fair
Date: Feb. 9
Location: Bethesda
[Link](#)

National Bike Summit
Dates: March 6-9



Our first Wednesday Webinar in 2017 will be Growing Your Town's Tree Canopy on February 8

Registration is open for 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 Town's 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!

UMD STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW

In the spring 2016 course - People, Places and Profit: Building Sustainable Places - undergraduate students were encouraged to find ways to make a difference in communities they care about through a semester long blog and video project. Students selected public places that were special to them and developed a plan to make that place more sustainable.



Tatiane Lemos

This month's student project spotlight, Tatiane Lemos, selected Berwyn Park in Prince George's County as a place poised for more inclusive engagement. While Berwyn Park provides a very pleasant entertaining area for children and teens, it lacks accessibility and infrastructure dedicated to the adults and elderly, excluding them from the Park life. In order to include all age ranges in the Park life, Tatiane proposed the

Location: Washington, DC
[Link](#)

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

Bowie Green Expo
Date: April 8
Location: Kenhill Center, Bowie
[Link](#)

[Our Full Events Calendar](#)

SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND MUNICIPALITIES IN THE NEWS

Mayor Jake Day Announces Salisbury Receives Sustainable Maryland Certification
[Link](#)

construction of sidewalks on the perimeter of the park and pathways, giving accessibility to all the parks infrastructure. She also suggested the creation of an outdoor gym and more equipped picnic areas (with structure to receive food trucks in festivities' days). Tatiane's vision of renewal for Berwyn Park would transform the space into a place where people from all ages can go and find fitting activities to do, in order to enjoy the benefits of open green spaces.

For more information on Tatiane's re-development recommendations please check out her [blog](#). Or contact her directly at tatianecrl@yahoo.com.br

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.

CHECK OUT THE PRESENTATIONS & INFORMATION FROM OUR RECENT SUSTAINABILITY METRICS LEADERSHIP TRAININGS



40 people attended our Leadership Training on Sustainability Metrics in Hyattsville

The full slate of presentations and information resources from our November 2016 "Sustainability Metrics: Measuring What Matters" workshops can be found [here](#).


QUOTE

"The Paris Agreement cannot be stopped as the global energy transition cannot be stopped. The world is forging ahead, and the smart money is on clean energy. Who would be against this unstoppable global trend? Who would like to be left behind?"

- Miguel Arias Cañete, Spanish head of the European Commission

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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