



Sustainable Maryland Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Maryland Certification Report of Cheverly, a Sustainable Maryland silver certified applicant.

Cheverly was certified on November 08, 2024 with 405 points. Listed below is information regarding Cheverly's Sustainable Maryland efforts and materials associated with the applicant's certified actions.

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Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Cheverly was approved for in 2024 appears below. Note: Standards for the actions below may have changed and the documentation listed may no longer satisfy requirements for that action. Additionally, points associated with actions prior to 2013 certifications may not be accurate.

Community Action

Public Wifi-Zone

10 Points

Program Summary: The Town of Cheverly provides public wi-fi within the Municipal Building Complex at 6401 Forest Road Cheverly MD, 20785. The advantages of Public wi-fi include accessibility and digital inclusion for those who do not have access at home or may not be able to afford it, convenience to those that are using or nearby the facilities, and create a hospitable environment; inviting members of our community to more frequently visit and engage with Town staff and elected officials. Limited information and records were kept from the time of installation about the establishment of public Wi-Fi at the Municipal Complex. The Town, however, maintains the cost of the service through the Town's Comcast Xfinity business account funded through the Public Information (525.145) account linen item at approximately \$1,100 annually.

PDF: [PUBLIC WI-FI FLYER](#)

IMAGE: [MAP OF WIFI COVERAGE](#)

PDF: [COMCAST STATEMENT 3-18-22](#)

PDF: [COMCAST STATEMENT 1-2024](#)

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Community Action

5 Points

Program Summary: Town Beautification Project In honor of Earth Day 2022 the Town hosted a 'Ward Beautification' event. Staff members researched and purchased 18 native plants to be divided between 8 locations within the Town. Locations were selected at the discretion of the Town Administrator with the goal of having at least one location in each ward. The Public Works department, Town Administrator's office, elected officials, and approximately 20 residents gathered on April 22, 2022 to perform the ward beautification resulting in the promotion of pollination and outreach through community engagement. Location details and purchased plants can be viewed via attachments.

PDF: [BEAUTIFICATION DAY PREP LIST](#)

IMAGE: [TOC 2022 BEAUTIFICATION EVENT](#)

MD Green Schools

15 Points

Program Summary: Per the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor and Environmental Education 2024 database almost every school that serves the young residents of Cheverly participates in the Maryland Green Schools Program, including: - *Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary(2016, 2020)

IMAGE: [2024 CHEVERLY GREEN SCHOOL MAP SCREEN SHOT](#)

IMAGE: [BLADENSBURG HIGH SCHOOL.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [2024 GREEN SCHOOL LIST SCREEN SHOT](#)

IMAGE: [KENMOR MIDDLE SCHOOL.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [JUDITH P HOYER .PNG](#)

Participate in SM Green Team Training

5 Points

Program Summary: The first Green Team training attended by the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee took place in 2011 and has continued to remain active since that time. Recently, four members of the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee and three member of the Town of Cheverly staff attended SMD Green Team training held virtually on April 11, 2024. The attendees came away with a renewed vigor to work on building and sustaining Cheverly's Green Team.

PDF: [GREEN TEAM TRAINING WEBINAR ATTENDANCE SHEET](#)

: [SM CHEVERLY GI COMMITTEE TRAINING](#)

Green Team Action Plan

10 Points

Program Summary: Green Team Action Plan Program Summary: The Cheverly action plan comprises the recommendations of the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan. The plan was developed over two years by a steering committee formed of representatives of the Cheverly Town Council, Cheverly community organizations, and local businesses. The steering committee obtained technical assistance from the National Park Service, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. The recommendations were adopted by resolution of the Cheverly Town Council on September 8, 2011. The document makes recommendations for implementation by the town government, community organizations, and private citizens and businesses. The recommendations include those to be implemented in the short, middle, and long terms. The Green Infrastructure Plan has continued to inform development in Cheverly and has been the basis for major initiatives taken by the Town since its inception, including the stormwater projects and rain barrel program. The Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee maintains a website, www.greencheverly.org, with information about local environmental initiatives and ways residents can get involved. An exhibit summarizing the contributions local groups and the Town have made to the implementation of the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan was featured at a January 2024 Meet and Greet event, and a video based on that exhibit is posted on the home page of the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan website, www.greencheverly.org. The Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee regularly posts updates, including 'Green @ Home' columns, in the Town newsletter. The monthly columns include information on environmental topics such as tree surveys, pet waste, native plants, the Cheverly Green Infrastructure plan, stormwater management, the Maryland Bay-Wise gardening program, and recycling, yard waste, and trash. Examples and a list of newsletter items may be found under the "Green Team" action item.

PDF: [GREEN TEAM ACTION PLAN FINAL.PDF](#)

Sustainability Resource Center

5 Points

Program Summary: The Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee maintains their website, which serves as the Town's SMC Resource Center. The site has been active since 2022. Following the recommendations of the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan for citizen education and engagement, it provides a wealth of information on how citizens of Cheverly can live a more sustainable lifestyle. It is updated with current information on items of interest: the Prince George's County Clean Water Act Fee, Cheverly's Green Spaces, storm water management, retaining rainwater on site, and a host of other conservation related topics. The site also lists information on Cheverly's natural resources, including its wildlife and streams, encouraging residents to be more active and more in touch with their surrounding environment. The site continues to be updated. www.greencheverly.org

IMAGE: [CGIC SITE PAGE ON TOWN WEBSITE - SCREENSHOT](#)

Green Team

10 Points

Program Summary: The Cheverly Green Team is organized as a project group of the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee, which was established by the Cheverly Town Council on October 13, 2011, to implement the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan. The recommendations of the plan were adopted by resolution of the Cheverly Town Council on September 8, 2011. The Green Infrastructure Committee advises the Cheverly Mayor and Council on town projects and issues, extending the research capacity of the town's staff. Since the most recent SMC profile update in 2021, the committee has advised the Mayor and Town Council on parks, natural-area networks, and development proposals. It has worked with the Department of Public Works on stormwater issues, utility vegetation management, and street tree planning. The committee consists of approximately 36 residents of the Town, who prefer not to have their names and roles shared on public platforms. The committee meets virtually on the first Monday of each month, with adjustments for holidays. The 2024 schedule includes: January 8, February 5, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 9, October 7, November 4, December 2. The 2025 schedule is expected to be: January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3, December 1. The Public Works Director reported at committee meetings from 2021 to 2023. The Green Infrastructure Committee remains active, holding public meetings monthly. Meeting agendas are posted on www.greencheverly.org. The committee keeps the community informed through Green@Home columns in the newsletter, regular reports at Town Meetings, citizen discussion groups online, and the Green Infrastructure Plan website. It has engaged town residents at Cheverly Day and Neighborhood Meet and Greet events. In the past three years, the committee has promoted a whole watershed approach to stream restoration, organized water testing in Red Maple Run, and hosted presentations on various topics including an American robin population study, Hospital Hill property redevelopment proposal, Town Arborist plans, Low Impact Development Center water quality study, American Forests Tree Equity Score, Clean Water Partners stream restoration project, clean air education proposal, and Conservation Landscaping practice under the Rain Check Rebate. The committee has continued its work with the hyperlocal Air Quality Monitoring Project with an Environmental Justice approach, expanding to neighboring municipalities. It reaches out to the community through informational tables at Cheverly Day, ward events, and Meet and Greet. The committee publishes educational articles in the town newsletter and reports at town meetings. The committee acts as an umbrella organization, collaborating with local environmental and planning bodies, including Friends of Kilmer Street Park and Arboretum, Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek, Friends of Red Maple Run, Friends of Quincy Run Watershed, Community Native Planting Project, and the Cheverly Planning Board. The committee maintains a Facebook group, Cheverly Green Connect, which publishes news of local environmental groups and activities. An exhibit summarizing these contributions was featured at a January 2024 Meet and Greet event, with a related video on the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan website. A committee member participated in the county Climate Action Plan Resident Advisory Group (2022-2024), and the committee organized an outreach campaign to encourage Bay-Wise certification for residents' yards. The Science Committee organizes local nature hikes and participates in the international Great Backyard Bird Count, providing monthly updates on Cheverly's flora and fauna at each meeting. As of August 5, 2024, the committee has 36 members, recruited based on interest. The members of the Green Team have requested not to share names publicly.

: [GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA MAY 1, 2023](#)

WORD: [MAY 6 2024 MINUTES](#)

WORD: [MAY 6 2024 AGENDA](#)

WORD: [JULY 1 2024 AGENDA](#)

WORD: [JULY 1 2024 MINUTES](#)

Community Based Food System

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Community Based Food

25 Points

Program Summary: #1: Cheverly Village Stand-Up Vegetable Garden Bed The Cheverly Village is a community-based nonprofit that helps seniors in Cheverly, Maryland, to live in their homes as active, valued members of the community. Through trained and vetted volunteers, Cheverly Village provides members with a wide variety of practical services, arranges social activities, and provides information about useful resources. The Cheverly Village applied for and obtained a \$2,000 town grant to purchase and assemble a stand-up raised vegetable bed for use by Village members. The Cheverly Garden Club also donated \$750 towards this project. The bed is located on unused land between the Cheverly Community Center gym and the Cheverly Police Department. The bed was assembled by volunteers the weekend of November 28-29, 2020. With the late start in the season, nothing was planted after assembly, but administrative work continues over the winter and a selection of vegetables will be planted in the spring. "Materials for the Cheverly Village Stand up Garden with Deer Fence were purchased online from Wayfair as a kit using funds from a grant to Cheverly Village from the Town of Cheverly and the Cheverly Garden Club. Volunteers were recruited from eligible Cheverly Village volunteers. The Stand up Garden with Deer Fence kit was chosen and located so that all gardeners, even those with limited mobility, can access and use it with minimal bending. A Garden Club member (Dave Kneipp) offered advice before the purchase of the garden. The park bench at the garden was donated by Chief Towers and the Cheverly Police Department, other chairs at the site were donated by the Cheverly Native Planting Project and the rain barrel was donated and installed by the Public Works Department. Public Works also provides a hose to water the garden, as necessary. Another welcome contribution from the Cheverly Native Planting Project is a pollinator garden that has been located near the Cheverly Village garden to assist in the productivity of the Cheverly Village Garden." The Cheverly Village and Garden Club still maintains the beds to this day growing a rotation of vegetables throughout the year. #2: The Little Seed Library The Cheverly Garden club, with the assistance of the Town, erected the 'Little Seed Library' in 2023. Located on the grounds adjacent to Town Hall and the Cheverly Police station near the Cheverly Village raised bed garden plot and one of the Little Free Libraries of Cheverly. The seed library contains vegetable, native and annual ornamental seeds and guides free of charge to anyone who is interested in beginning or expanding their own home gardens with native plants. #3: Town of Cheverly Turkey Give-Away The Town of Cheverly has partnered with Prologis and Amazon to hold a Turkey give-away event November of 2021, 2022, and 2023 to promote food equity within the community. 4: Town of Cheverly Holiday Food Drive 2023- The Town of Cheverly partnered with Amazon to provide families with a grocery bag full of ingredients for a holiday meal with enough food to feed a family of 4.

IMAGE: [2023 - LITTLE SEED LIBRARY FACEBOOK SCREEN GRAB](#)

IMAGE: [2024 - CHEVERLY VILLAGE STAND-UP GARDEN](#)

IMAGE: [2023- TOWN TURKEY GIVEAWAY](#)

IMAGE: [2022 -TURKEY GIVEAWAY SPANISH LANGUAGE FLYER](#)

IMAGE: [2024 - TOC HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE](#)

Establish Local Farmers Market

10 Points

Program Summary: The Cheverly Community Market (CCM) was founded in 2007 by a small group of Cheverly residents. Under the current market manager, Lindsey Womak, there are 18 regular-season vendors from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC hosted every other Saturday at the Cheverly Municipal Complex from May-December. Sales include vegetables, fruit, herbs, flowers and plants, breads, seafood, meat, jams, soaps, skin care products, pottery, wines, pastries, and ice cream; holiday markets expand to include local artisans. CCM was the first to offer Maryland wines at a Maryland market, and among its vendors is the oldest continuously owned family farm in Washington County, MD. In 2018, CCM obtained its own SNAP license and secured grants from the state, county, and town governments to remove economic barriers for customers experiencing food insecurity. We provide a dollar-for-dollar match for purchases made using federal nutrition benefits. To our knowledge, we have the most generous matching program in the surrounding markets. The market is a registered Town of Cheverly organization and enjoys the support of the Town with regular as well as rainy-day and special market space at the Town Hall Community Center building. CCM provides a venue for local musicians, artists, and yoga instructors with live music, an arts activity table for customers, and free yoga. CCM also provides opportunities for community groups; the Cheverly Parent Resource Group offers activities for children, the Community Native Planting Project provides information on native plants, and Prince George's Master Gardeners provides residences with guidance. The market operates every other Saturday from May through October, with hours from 8 am to noon. The market is held in the parking lot of the Cheverly Community Center (town hall); it is moved indoors in the same building in inclement weather and for the Thanksgiving and Holiday Markets. The town provides the venue. Public Works erects three large signs on the main road to direct buyers to the market. In 2015, the website CheverlyCommunityMarket.org was established as a reference point for information on dates, vendors, musicians, and other activities at the market. The market board, comprised of 9 local citizens, also maintains a Facebook page (Cheverly Community Market) and an Instagram account (@cheverlycommunitymarket). 2016 The Cheverly Community Market acquired 501(c)3 nonprofit status. The market has remained active and continues to thrive as a fixture of the community.

IMAGE: [CHEVERLY COMMUNITY MARKET IG SCREENSHOT](#)

IMAGE: [COMMUNITY MARKET AD JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER](#)

Spring Transplant Sale

10 Points

Program Summary: The Cheverly Garden Club holds an annual plant sale traditionally on the Saturday before Mother's Day. In 2024, the plant sale was held at the Robert Tucker Pavilion on Saturday, May 11th from 9AM until Noon. The spring plant sale consists of tomato, pepper, and cucumber transplants, five species of native perennials, and cuttings of plants from members' gardens. The Garden Club plant sale is the club's only fund-raising event and has been a part of the community's activities for over 10 years. The Spring Plant Transplant Sale is a function of the Cheverly Garden Club, a private town organization (established in 1954). It is advertised in the town newsletter, the Cheverly Exchange (a local Google group), Facebook, and by word of mouth. Most of the members of the Garden Club (52 members) participated in the sale. Members of the club provide plants from their yards, some members help with buying stock at a local wholesale nursery, and others contribute on the day of the sale by answering gardening questions or ringing up sales and assisting customers. The target audience is the residents of Cheverly who help support the community by buying vegetable transplants, native perennials, and other plants they know will grow well in Cheverly's clay soil. With the proceeds of the plant sale, the Cheverly Garden Club has purchased four benches that have been installed in various town parks. The club has also initiated a Life-Long Learning Grant program, open to Cheverly residents and town employees. Over fourteen grants have been awarded since the program's inception for college courses, Maryland Master Gardeners, Maryland Master Naturalists, and various other horticulturally related training courses.

IMAGE: [2024 NEWSLETTER AD FOR SPRING TRANSPLANT SALE](#)

IMAGE: [2024 SPRING TRANSPLANT SALE PHOTO](#)

IMAGE: [SPRING TRANSPLANT.PNG](#)

PDF: [MARCH 2023 \(PDF\) \(1\).PDF](#)

Community Garden

15 Points

Program Summary: The Cheverly Vegetable Gardens are a volunteer-based organization that operated out of George Boyd Park in Cheverly's Old Fourth Ward. The project began from the need of residents living in Cheverly who wished to grow vegetables but did not have the necessary amount of daylight due to mature trees in their yards. The northern corner of Boyd Park was one of the few areas in Cheverly that had sufficient exposure to the sun for vegetable gardening. Established in 2009, The Garden holds forty-two plots, many of which serve Cheverly Resident's as well as residents of surrounding municipalities. The Cheverly Vegetable Gardens are pesticide-free, have been recognized as a 'Certified Backyard Habitat' by the National Wildlife Federation, are a Monarch Butterfly Way Station, have earned the 'Golden Trowel' award from the Prince George's County Beautification Committee, and are recognized as 'Bay Wise' certified by the University of Maryland Extension Master Gardeners. The Town provided the initial grading and preparation of the site. A six-foot chain-link fence was funded by the town to provide deer and animal protection for the garden plots. The Town also contributed a 1,200-gallon cistern, replacing six 55-gallon barrels used for watering. Updates over the last three (2021-2024) years include: - Partnering with the Cheverly Parent's Resource Center to teach children how to garden through the Junior Garden Club (<https://cheverlyparent.org/events-and-activities/junior-garden-club>) - Adding native flowers, which provide pollination to the other beds - The addition of edible, native plants specifically pawpaw trees, native strawberries, and native grape vines - The installation of chicken-wire onto the wooden fence extension - The installation of a sign - Installation of metal numbers to identify plots - Installation of a pressure treated wood and cement platform for the Town donated cisterns - Access from the Town to the new bathrooms and water fountains adjacent to the gardens The Gardens also provide volunteer hours to local high school students in need of fulfilling their graduation requirements. The Garden volunteers do not record reports or have any active recruitment efforts at this time.

WORD: [2024 GUIDELINES FOR PLOTS](#)

IMAGE: [PHOTO OF GARDENS](#)

Energy

Municipal Electric Vehicles

5 Points

Program Summary: The Cheverly Public Works Department purchased its' first plug-in hybrid vehicle in 2023, The Rav4 Prime. To extend the usage of the electric functionality we also purchased portable electric battery charging packs for the Rav4. There are not currently any policies or plans for the purchasing of electric vehicles, however Town staff and elected officials have likeminded goals to continue to protect the environment with the purchasing of more EV and hybrid vehicles. ARPA Funds were granted for the purchasing of the hybrid vehicle in the April 2023 Town Meeting to the Town Administrator. There is a misprint in the newsletter naming the vehicle as a Honda CRV and verbally stated as a Toyota Rav4, we have since requested an amendment to the meeting minutes. Link to Meeting Video: <https://cheverlymd.new.swagit.com/videos/224023>

PDF: [ELECTRIC GENERATOR INVOICE](#)

PDF: [RAV4 SIGNED PURCHASE ORDER](#)

IMAGE: [PHOTO OF RAV4 PRIME](#)

IMAGE: [RAV4 PRIME](#)

EXCEL: [PW VEHICLE TRACKING SHEET 2023 \(1\).XLSX](#)

PDF: [APRIL 2023 MINUTES.PDF](#)

Renewable Energy

15 Points

Program Summary: The Town of Cheverly holds a contract with WGL energy to harness the power of wind energy to power all Town electrical accounts. The Town claimed 100% renewable energy for 2021-2023. In 2023 we maintained our 100% renewable energy status under the previous contract, which completed in July of 2023, and by purchasing of 533 Wind RECs for the remainder of 2023. The Town then pursued the execution of credits for the January-March of 2024 and began a new contract in April for a two year time period.

PDF: [APRIL 2024- TOWN MEETING MINUTES RENEWABLE ENERGY CONTRACT EXECUTION REQUEST](#)

PDF: [2020-2023 CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP](#)

Residential Electric Vehicles and Public Charging Stations

10 Points

Program Summary: The Town currently has 3 EV charging stations. The stations are available during park hours, sun up to sun down 7 days a week, at no cost (these also are tied into our renewable energy). These charging stations were first opened to the public in 2018 and advertised in the Town newsletter at that time. The charging stations are constantly in-use by residents and their availability was apart of the decision of the Town to purchase its' first electric plug-in vehicle. Although the Town does not keep a record of how many private residents own electric or hybrid vehicles community engagement with the charging stations has been so high that the new William Eley Jr. Public Works Building plan also include EV charging stations; the building will be completed in March of 2025. Link to August 2018 Newsletter with opening of EV stations: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnpkajpcjclcfefindmkaj/https://www.cheverly-md.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/103>

IMAGE: [CHEVERLY EV STATIONS MAP.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [EV STATION.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [TOWN NEWSLETTER EV CHARGING STATION ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Energy

10 Points

Program Summary: #1 Kilmer Park Pond Solar Powered Bubbler The Friends Kilmer Park & Arboretum (FKPA) is a volunteer based Town registered organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of Kilmer Park & Arboretum in Cheverly, Md. In 2023 the group suggested the Town refurbish the arboretum pond, which include the installation of a solar powered bubbler. Cheverly municipal departments are in full support of creating sustainable spaces within The Town and as Kilmer Street Park and Arboretum is a Town owned park the Town is responsible for funding large enhancements to the park. The FKPA aids the Town with the maintenance of the space through volunteer efforts and, like other officially recognized groups occasionally makes suggestions to the Town Administrator, Mayor, and Council on how to improve the space. Funding for this project was provided by monies from the adopted budget line items for park supplies, and park tools and equipment, as well as providing the man-power to complete the work. The Public Works department completed the refurbishing of the pond and installation of the bubbler in early June 2024. #2 Purchasing of Lithium Iron Phosphate Battery Power Equipment In 2023 the Town, at the request of the Mayor and Council, purchased 3 lithium iron phosphate batters to run chorded power equipment in the field. The Town purchased five pieces of chorded electric equipment: 3 chainsaws and 2 pole saws. Additionally, we purchased 3 weed wackers, 2 leaf blowers, 2 1.2kW batteries and 5 small batteries that are interchangeable with the equipment. The equipment was purchased through the adopted budget with funds from the line item for park tools/equipment coming out to approximately \$3,500.

PDF: [KILMER PARK POND BUBBLER INVOICE](#)

IMAGE: [ELECTRICAL BLOWER BATTERIES .JPEG](#)

IMAGE: [ELECTRICAL BLOWER .JPEG](#)

IMAGE: [ELECTRIC MAKITA .JPEG](#)

IMAGE: [KILMER PARK POND.1.JPEG](#)

IMAGE: [KILMER PARK POND.2.JPEG](#)

Residential Energy Efficiency

5 Points

Program Summary: The Town welcomes and encourages resident's to stay up-to-date and informed on residential energy efficiency through outreach presentations in our Town Meetings, Work sessions, and through the efforts of the Green Infrastructure Committee's website, which covers multiple ways for residents to improve their energy efficiency. In September of 2022 the Town posted information about the Maryland Energy Administration's Low Income Solar Grant Program. The program aims to help low income households by funding the design and installation of solar energy systems. MEA has allocated \$1 million for FY23, covering up to 100% of PV solar system costs, including roof repairs and structural support if needed for installation. At the March 2023 work session Dwayne Taylor from EZ Green Home presented information about the Home Energy-Savings Program. The program encourages residents to take advantage of these programs. Programs are free to residents and more information can be found by contacting Pepco directly. Meetings are held hybrid style. Including Mayor and Council there were approximately 12 people total viewing the presentation.

: [2022 - MEA ANNOUNCES LOW INCOME SOLAR GRANT PROGRAM - WEBSITE POST](#)

: [2023 WORKSESSION AGENDA - EZ GREEN HOMES](#)

Greenhouse Gas

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Greenhouse Gas

10 Points

Program Summary: The Town partnered with Dr. Sacoby Wilson and the University of Maryland's Center for Community Engagement, Environmental Justice, and Health (CEEJH) to begin building a hyper-local air monitoring network in and around Cheverly. In 2021 Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) joined the partnership and present the community with information regarding Community Air Quality Partnership. The meeting was held virtually as a result of MDE/Town of Cheverly 2021 report which used data to target air emissions inspections and analyze the air quality in Cheverly to the Sheriff Road area, and included the 2022-2024 follow-up activities and initiatives as a result of the study. These endeavors include: reduction in unnecessary, potential idling, continued use of community based air monitoring/sensor network to target inspection efforts, and continued local air quality monitoring with monthly reports are sent to the Town by MDE with updates on the project. Funding for the project is funneled through federal and local grants managed by the Community Engagement Environments Justice and Help (CEEJH) Group at the University of Maryland. The Town continues to support the Air Quality Monitoring Partnership through hosting meetings, sharing flyers and pamphlets digitally and in-person, and implementing the recommendations to reduce air pollution levels that were shared following the 2021 study including but not limited to five major initiatives: ?Targeted and enhanced inspections of stationary sources (things like aggregate plants, metal recycling, etc.) ? Reduce diesel truck emissions ? Minimizing emissions of toxic fugitive dust ? Building and using a community-based hyper local air monitoring network ? Ensuring that large new emission sources do not make air quality even worse than it already is August 21, 2023 Community Air Quality Partnership Meeting <https://cheverlymd.new.swagit.com/videos/269658> October 1 2021 Report Documents (chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpajpcglclefndmkaj/https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/air/AirQualityCompliance/Documents/CheverlyStudy.pdf)

PDF: [GREEN HOME CERT INFO](#)

PDF: [CERT OVERVIEW & WORKSHEET](#)

PDF: [GREEN HOME CERT PROMO](#)

: [AIR QUALITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING](#)

IMAGE: [AIR QUALITY TRAINING FOR YOUTH](#)

IMAGE: [AIR QUALITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING FACEBOOK ANNOUNCEMENT 2023](#)

Health & Wellness

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Health & Wellness

30 Points

Program Summary: #1: Cheverly Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) The Cheverly CERT is a group of trained volunteers ready to assist emergency service providers in times of need (www.cheverlycert.org). Cheverly CERT was established in 2014 and revitalized in July of 2019. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks. The Mission of Cheverly CERT is to provide critical support to the Town of Cheverly and assistance to residents during an emergency. To accomplish this mission, Cheverly CERT has three areas of focus: 1. Providing our members with on-going training in disaster response, emergency preparedness, leadership, and organizational skills. 2. Educating residents in Cheverly emergency preparedness. 3. Supporting the Cheverly Police Department and related emergency services in the event of a disaster The Town does not sponsor CERT and they do not have any funding source. They pay for everything. They however do ask for grant money. The group operates solely on donations and grants, ensuring expenditures are limited to necessary purchases, thus maximizing cost efficiency. The program's sustainability relies entirely on continued community and Cheverly Police Department support. Evaluation occurs annually to assess effectiveness, with notable outcomes including collaborative initiatives with the Red Cross Disaster Relief Program, further expanding its' impact beyond initial expectations. #2: Community Market Yoga The Cheverly Community Market holds yoga classes free of charge on market Saturday's (every other Saturday from March to December, rain or shine) at 10:00 am at the Town Hall community center 6401 Forest Road Cheverly MD 20785. The Town provides the facilities, storage area, advertisement through the Town newsletter and website. #3: Bozwellness Fitness Bootcamp Bozwell Fitness holds bootcamp classes at 6:00 am at the Town Hall (6401 Forest Road Cheverly MD 20785) building every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; outside of holiday scheduling. All Town organizations have regularly scheduled usage of the facilities at no charge to the organization. Bozwellness is a registered Town organization that is granted access to the facilities, and advertisement through the Town newsletter and website. Link to Bozwell Fitness Website <https://www.bozwellness.com/> #4: Bozwellness Ward Fitness Town organization 'Bozwell Fitness' partnered with the Town to hold Ward Fitness Walks in all 6 Wards to bring together the community and encourage low-impact workouts and fitness. The events were supported by the Towns administrative offices, Public Works, and Police Department. The Public Works Department staffed the events and provided equipment set-up and take-down. The event was held beginning Tuesday October 3- Tuesday November 14 at 6:20 pm. Approximately 30 people were present over the course of the event. #5 Cheverly Youth Open Gym The Town of Cheverly Youth Program hosts open gym nights once a month at the Town Hall building (6401 Forest Road Cheverly MD 20785) for Cheverly youth ages 13-18, specifically high school and middle school aged youth. The Youth Program was allocated \$15,000 in the adopted FY 23, and 24 budget. Events are hosted by the Youth Development Coordinator. Open gyms also provide some form of refreshments to attendees. Recently, the open gym has partnered with Town Organization VineCorps. Open gym nights are advertised via the Cheverly Youth official Instagram page Due to the majority of participants being under the age of 18 and the Town not having guardian consent for photographs the Town has limited media of open gym nights. CHEVERLY YOUTH IG <https://www.instagram.com/cheverlyyouth/>

IMAGE: [CHEVERLY FARMER'S IG YOGA PHOTO](#)

PDF: [CERT BROCHURE](#)

IMAGE: [BOZWELL FITNESS AT COMMUNITY CENTER](#)

IMAGE: [WARD WALK FLYER OCTOBER 2023](#)

IMAGE: [CHEVERLY YOUTH IG - OPEN GYM FLYER 3.2023](#)

Workplace Wellness Program

10 Points

Program Summary: The Town of Cheverly offers multiple workplace health benefits for employees of the Town. #1: Lifestyle Management Program Through the Town's insurance program, Cigna, employees are able to access the following: - health screening - smoking cessation programs - nutrition counseling - chronic illness counseling #2: Workplace Work Out Program - In 2022 the Town offered all employees 8 week training sessions on the town property with a trainer #3: Employee Gym Membership Program - In 2024 the Town offered employees fully paid for memberships to either Gold's Gym under the Employee Gym Membership Program. Approximately, 30 staff have signed up for he program at this point in time.

IMAGE: [8 WEEK WORK OUT PROGRAM](#)

PDF: [CIGNA LIFESTYLE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS](#)

PDF: [CHRONIC CONDITION SUPPORT FLYER](#)

PDF: [GOLD'S GYM CORPORATE WELLNESS PLAN FOR TOC 2024](#)

Local Economies

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Local Economies

15 Points

Program Summary: 1: Community Dumpster, Shredding, & Medication Drop-Off Day The Town of Cheverly began hosting 'Community Dumpster Day' in April 2022. The event invited Town residents to dispose of over-sized trash, unused or expired medication, yard waste, tires and rims, construction debris, miscellaneous household items, and other recyclables at the Town Hall building and Police Department parking lots. The event is staffed by the Public Works Department, Police Department, Code Enforcement and Town Administrator's Office. The event has been hosted by the town every April since its inception in 2022. Community Dumpster Day 2024 Newsletter Announcement, located on page 12: <https://www.cheverly-md.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/223> 2: Dumpster Day Raffle At the Community Trash Day the Public Works Department hosts a raffle at which time we give away 1 of each of our deliverable items (recycle toter, compost bin, and rain barrel) free of charge to 3 luck residents. Resident's simply sign up for the raffle to be included and the item is dropped off at their home the following week. This event is advertised through social media via the Town's official Instagram and Facebook pages. Instagram post screen grab attached for 2023 and 2024. 3: Tire Clean Out in Ward One The Town collaborated with The National Capital Parks to host a 'tire clean out' at the open field in the intersection of 58th Place and Newton. The Town advertised the event to Resident's for volunteering and provided 12 Public Works staff to the event. Approximately 750 tires were collected on the first day of the event and disposed of by National Capital Parks. Instagram post screen grab attached.

IMAGE: [DUMPSTER DAY POST](#)

IMAGE: [EARTH DAY RAFFLE](#)

IMAGE: [58TH PLACE TIRE CLEANUP](#)

Organic Waste Composting

15 Points

Program Summary: Cheverly Composting Program In 2011, two non-profit grants of \$1,250 each plus \$1,250 from the Town of Cheverly gave us an initial pool of \$3,750 to purchase SoilSaver Compost bins. We initially purchased the bins for \$39 each from Sam's Club, the lowest price we could find anywhere (Amazon and others were \$100 or more). We also purchased bins directly from the manufacturer. Residents paid \$20 per bin, which basically matched the funds we received, expanding the pool to \$7,500. With that funding, we met our initial goal of 160 bins at Cheverly homes. We continue to provide educational content in our Cheverly newsletter that reaches all residents, e-mails with information, and web-links to other composting resources, and residents are still able to purchase new compost bins for the original price of \$20. The funds are not directly allocated for another purpose. It just reduces the budget cost for tipping fees by about \$6,000 a year. It is estimated, that over the course of the project implementation, Cheverly has saved around \$30,000, a very high return on the modest investment. Attached are promotional materials that were published in various Cheverly town newsletters. There is no website for the composting program, however, the program was promoted monthly in the Cheverly Newsletter that goes to all residents and on our Cheverly Exchange (Google group) that reaches close to 1,000 residents. The Town is currently looking to start a compost pickup program of 100 homes. There has been talk about this program, but not confirmed plans at the moment. Recently we have recently purchased compost bins from Doug Alexander who gets that from Greenbelt's Public Works. We currently purchase 10-15 compost bins at a time, depending on how many requests we have in for deliveries, that we have been doing because of COVID-19. We are also currently doing research to have either residents sign up for a program pick up their compost or to have The Town of Cheverly's Public Works pick up the compost with the yard waste. Information that we have come up with as of July 2021 is attached, Possible Compost Program Report 7.23.21. We promote the containers in the monthly newsletter. In January of 2019 and 2020 we had a reception for New Residents and anyone else who wanted to attend. There they could purchase, compost bins, recycling bins (large and small) and rain barrels and got paper work about each programs as well. 2024 UPDATES: #1 Compost Bin Program Update The Town of Cheverly sells and distributes composting bins to resident at the cost of \$20/bin and purchases them wholesale from EnviroWorld for \$48/bin. This program was first begun by the Green Infrastructure Committee through the Cheverly Composting Program and they continue to support the composting program. The Town advertises for the program in the monthly newsletter. #2: Town Wide Yard-Waste Pick-Up The Town also picks up town wide organic waste for compost on Mondays, with the exception of holidays and then the compost days roll over to the next day. The numbers are reported monthly in the Town newsletter and to LIDC for NDPES Stormwater permit reporting annually.

IMAGE: [TOWN WEBSITE - COMPOST INFO SCREENSHOT](#)

PDF: [2022 NDPES REPORT DISPOSAL NUMBERS](#)

Green Purchasing Policy

15 Points

Program Summary: The town of Cheverly adopted its Green Purchasing Policy on June 12, 2014. A memo to department heads was sent on May 28, 2024. Although the town of Cheverly has always considered the green aspects of our purchasing, the Green Purchasing Policy officially makes this part of our purchasing efforts. The resolution adopting the Green Purchasing Policy can be found on the town website via this link: https://www.cheverly-md.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf401/f/uploads/green_purchasing_policy_002.pdf The Public Works Department has implemented the green purchasing policy through the purchasing of recycled materials such as our dual use receptacles and deliverable items. If for some reason this link does not work. You can go to our website at www.cheverly-md.gov, search Green Purchasing Policy, the first option takes you directly to the Green Purchasing Policy, and the second takes you to a list of Policy & Procedures and it's the second from the bottom from that list.

PDF: [GREEN PURCHASING POLICY - ACTIVE 2024](#)

PDF: [ENVIROWORLD - RAIN BARRELL AND COMPOST BINS SPECS](#)

PDF: [RECYCLE AWAY - DUAL USE REFUSE SPECS](#)

PDF: [2024 GREEN PURCHASING POLICY MEMO](#)

Natural Resources

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Natural Resources

30 Points

Program Summary: #1. Residential Tree Planting- A local business group, the Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization CDC (CKAR), applied for a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the Maryland Department of the Environment to provide free cover trees to the residents of Riverdale, Riverdale Park, Bladensburg, Cheverly, Eastpines, Templeton Knolls, or Beacon Heights to be planted, also free of charge, in the spring of 2017. Cheverly supported this effort by circulating the application for to all town residents as well as posting information in the town newsletter. As of 2021, this program is still going on. Normally we promote it in the Town's Newsletter, but because of the pandemic we decided not to promote it at all in 2020/2021. Here are the numbers of residents participating from Spring 2017-Spring 2021. Spring 2017 39 residents, Fall 2017 26 residents, Spring 2018 28 residents, Fall 2018 21 residents, Spring 2019 44 residents, Fall 2019 33 residents, Spring 2020 45 (19 of those were carried over from previous year do to different reasons), Fall 2020 0 (mainly focused on removing town trees), Spring 2021 9 residents, and Fall 2021 15 residents have put in requests as of July 2021. 2024 UPDATE: TREE PLANTING PROGRAM We had 20 public trees planted through the CBF grant in March 2024. It was not publicized except for the specific residents receiving trees. ----- #3: Cheverly Native Planting Project 2024 UPDATE: Community Native Planting Project (CNPP) was established by a small group of residents concerned about the lack of native plants and the encroachment of invasive plants in Cheverly, Maryland. We began as Cheverly Native Planting Project in August 2020 and in 2023, expanded our reach and scope and reorganized to become Community Native Planting Project and a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. The organization continues to work with the Town of Cheverly to restore native plants on public and private land that currently are mowed, not maintained, or planted with nonnative plants. Plots are converted into pollinator gardens, native-plant based landscapes, restored forests, etc. Our sites create more bio-diverse and productive lands, expand the access to more naturalized areas in town, and serve as points of education regarding better use of green space. The Town of Cheverly has awarded a grant of \$2,000 to the CNPP in 2022, 2023, and 2024. CNPP was also awarded a number of other grants over the years. The organization's first project began in July 2020 on a hillside overlooking the track at Town Park. An over half an acre section has been cleared of English Ivy, honeysuckle vines, porcelain berry, Bradford Pear trees, and invasive shrubs have been removed. We are in the process of removing running bamboo. Native trees were freed from ivy. Hundreds of native plants and dozens of native trees and shrubs were installed. A bioswale was created to capture runoff from the private residence uphill from the track, nearly eliminating water and mud accumulation on the track. At the time, a number of other community members noticed the effort and expressed interest in volunteering. The Town has actively supported CNPP by allowing the organization to work and plant on Town property. The four years following, CNPP now manages eight public sites within Cheverly, partnered with over fourteen other local ecological nonprofits, hosted four native shrubs sales and three shrub giveaways in Cheverly leading to approximately 1,000 native shrubs planted in the community, are restoring four public green spaces which were captured by invasive plant species, worked with over 200 volunteers, including local elected officials, who have logged an average of 2,000 hours per year in and around Cheverly. #3 Woodworth Park Trail and Green Space Maintenance and Upgrading Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek (FLBC) is a Cheverly based nonprofit volunteer-based organization that since its founding in 2004 has established and maintained a popular nature trail and reclaimed an overgrown area rampant with invasive species as a community green space in Cheverly. The trail and natural areas provide opportunities for interaction with nature for area residents and ecosystem services that mitigate flooding, reduce polluted runoff and buffer residential areas from the noise and air pollution of nearly a mile of adjacent Route 50 immediately east of its intersection with Columbia Park Road. The volunteer organization conducts regular invasive species removal opportunities for volunteers as well as trail maintenance and trash removal. Two demonstration native gardens have been established and maintained in recent years, one at historic Magruder Spring at the south entrance to the trail near a prime transportation hub for the community at the ramps to and from Rt 50 at Cheverly Avenue and adjacent to the Cheverly Metrorail Station. The second garden is at Ken's Corner, a mid-way access area to the trail dedicated to a longtime volunteer leader. Both gardens have water elements that contribute to site biodiversity. Benches at each garden area and at six other locations along the trail proved places for rest, contemplation and observation. Seven of the eight benches were made with salvaged materials donated by Community Forklift, the community materials reuse nonprofit in Bladensburg. For at least eight years Community Forklift has provided \$500 annually in materials that are used for trail maintenance including foot bridges. In 2023, \$260 of donated funds were used to purchase new and replacement markers for tree and plant identification markers along the trail that foster learning and curiosity. In the two years prior to that girl scouts installed and have since maintained a free little library station. 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This citizen science project, coordinated by ARK staff and contractors, uses trained volunteers to collect samples bi-weekly that are lab tested and analyzed with results posted to web sites and publicized through social media. The goal is to build public awareness and support for efforts to make the waterway swimmable and fishable. The volunteer events and activities, and opportunities for public access to the trail and natural areas are publicized through the monthly print and online versions of the town newsletter, through list-servs and two popular online bulletin boards. native plant -the ecological restoration of the In the previous submission the Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek had stated that they hold monthly clean up events to clean up the trail near Lower Beaverdam Creek. 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These two initiatives will ensure this project not only continues but continues to grow in its accessibility and value to the community and for the multitude of benefits it provides to the Anacostia River watershed and larger area community. ----- #4 Private Residential Tree Evaluations The Town provides homeowners with the opportunity to engage the services of the Town Arborist for conducting comprehensive inspections and issuing detailed reports on the health status of trees situated on private properties. This service is aimed at addressing concerns related to tree health and providing expert guidance on necessary measures. The assessment costs \$85, there is no limit to the amount of trees that may be observed once the fee is paid.

PDF: [CNPP OUTREACH MATERIAL \(1\)](#)

PDF: [2023 TREE EVALUATION PAPERWORK](#)

WORD: [POSSIBLE COMPOST PROGRAM REPORT 7.23.21](#)

PDF: [2023 TREE PLANTING PAPERWORK](#)

PDF: [CNPP OUTREACH MATERIAL \(2\)](#)

Tree City USA

15 Points

Program Summary: Cheverly has been recognized as a 'Tree City' for 24 consecutive years. Cheverly Covid-19 Memorial Tree Members of the Cheverly Garden Club planted a Japanese Red Maple in memory of the residents affected by the coronavirus and those who will be affected by it on April 10, 2020. The tree was planted in the Memorial Garden of the Cheverly United Methodist Church, which is located the crossroads of Cheverly Avenue and Forest Road. A dedication ceremony will be held after the pandemic is over. 2024 UPDATE: The Town of Cheverly has applied for and received Tree City USA recognition for the last 28 years, including 2021, 2022, and 2023. The Town has observed Arbor Day through the passing of the Arbor Day Resolution and tree planting ceremonies.

PDF: [TREE CITY USA DOCUMENTATION](#)

IMAGE: [2023 - TREE CITY USA EMAIL](#)

Adopt a Pet Waste Ordinance

5 Points

Program Summary: Cheverly passed its current pet waste ordinance in 1988, based on earlier ordinances of 1977 and 1978. The ordinance requires dog owners to clean up on private and certain named public properties, including sidewalks and park areas. The "pooper-scooper" law has been amply publicized on the town web site: What if people walking their dogs don't clean-up after their animals? If you see it happen you could politely ask the dog walker to pick-up the waste. If you know where the owner lives, you can call the Town and a reminder letter will be sent to the owner. (Town web site <http://www.cheverly-md.gov/Pages/FV1-0001F4DC/So072B851-0331B46>) PLEASE BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR: ... -You MUST PICK UP after your animals. (<http://www.cheverly-md.gov/Pages/FV1-0001F4E8/FV1-0001F744/So06AEE6>) POOPER SCOOPER TIP: It's the law in Cheverly that when walking your pet you must be prepared to clean up after it if it makes a deposit during your travels. One suggestion for facilitating this dirty duty is to cut the bottom off a bleach container. The result is a scooper with its own handle. It is particularly important that owners clean up after their dogs in town parks. Please Note that pets are NOT PERMITTED IN Gast Park (Tot Park). Dog waste draws rats and is a health risk. Remember, children use these parks. DO NOT LET YOUR DOG RUN FREE, AND PLEASE TAKE YOUR DOG'S WASTE OUT OF THE PARK WHEN YOU LEAVE. The ordinance is still in effect and reminders are frequently sent out via the town newsletter. Residents can see the official town policy here: http://www.cheverly-md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD_Newsletters/june/reminders As of 2024: The Town continues to uphold the pet waste ordinance.

PDF: [PET WASTE ORDINANCE](#)

IMAGE: [PET WASTE REMINDER IN MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER](#)

WORD: [MAP OF STATIONS AND PET WASTE ORDINANCE IN JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER](#)

Develop a Pet Waste Program

5 Points

Program Summary: Cheverly town officials recently decided to implement a new strategy for preventing negative environmental impacts related to pet waste. Cheverly's Department of Public Works began installing pet waste stations in tow town parks and plan on expanding the stations to all parks in Cheverly. The stations will be maintained by the Public Works staff. There are no permits or planning documents for this program. A picture of one station is attached. Two pet waste stations were purchased at a cost of \$398 each. The stations are located in Town Park and at the Cheverly-Euclid Park. These stations continue to be available to the residents of Cheverly. Six more pet waste stations have been recently installed, at which we received no cost to the town from Sustainable Maryland. Public Works employees maintain and monitor the stations weekly. Link to Town Website with dog waste station: <https://www.cheverly-md.gov/faq.aspx?qid=102> 'Pets in Cheverly' website link: <https://www.cheverly-md.gov/504/Pets-in-Cheverly> 2024 Update: The Town still maintains the pet waste stations that were installed, see more in implementation.

PDF: [PET WASTE PROGRAM](#)

PDF: [PET WASTE PROMO](#)

PDF: [MAP OF PET WASTE STATIONS NEW AND OLD](#)

PDF: [PET WASTE STATION FORMS](#)

IMAGE: [PETS IN CHEVERLY SCREENSHOT](#)

IMAGE: [PICK UP THE POOI PARKS SCREENSHOT](#)

Implement a Pet Waste Education Program

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IMAGE: [WHY SCOOP THAT POOP - INFORMATIONAL FLYER POSTED AT TOWN HALL BUILDING](#)

IMAGE: [SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE IN NEWSLETTER 07.2023](#)

Provide Voluntary Opportunities for Citizen Engagement in Watershed Stewardship

10 Points

Program Summary: Cheverly provides voluntary opportunities for citizen engagement in watershed stewardship through the non-profit organization, Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek. Friends of Lower Beaver Dam (FLBC) has been operating since 2004. It is a volunteer-led nonprofit founded by Cheverly residents to help restore, celebrate and educate residents and officials about area streams. FLBC collaborates with numerous organizations and the town of Cheverly including cub scouts, brownie scouts and girl scouts, local public and private schools including Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary and St. Ambrose elementary and middle school. The organization partners with the Anacostia Watershed Society, Clean Water Action, numerous clean water and stormwater management citizen coalitions, the Earth Conservation Corps, Students Today Leaders Forever (a national college leadership program), the town of Bladensburg, the Anacostia Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee, Maryland Native Plant Society, and elected town, county and state legislative officials. Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek has helped fund the participation of one of its members in the Watershed Stewards Academy. FLBC serves the residents of Cheverly, other area communities and volunteers from schools and businesses across the county. Approximately 1,920 college students from Midwest universities have participated in our annual spring stream cleanup, along with Students Today, Leaders Forever and the Earth Conservation Corps. The Town of Cheverly regularly publicizes monthly volunteer work parties of FLBC and special events and activities as they occur. The Cheverly Community Market also provides space for educational and publicity purposes twice per month. FLBC's work has received coverage in local, regional and national news outlets including the Prince George's Gazette and the Bay Journal. The most recent monthly event was in May, when volunteers planted flowers at the Magruder Spring Trail entrance. Friends of Lowerbeaverdam Creek has a work session the first Monday of each month from 9 to 12. At our latest work session, we performed restoration work on tributary 3 of Lower Beaverdam Creek. Here is the announcement for that work session: "On Monday, August 2, from 9 to 12, we will be using local, natural materials for the low tech restoration of Tributary 3. Tributary 3 starts at the large outflow pipe by Woodworth Place and then flows parallel to the trail towards Magruder Spring. You will not need any special tools, but you should wear gloves and be prepared to get wet, although there is not much water in the stream at this time. To find out exactly where I am working, call or text me at 301 789 8086." In addition, since the start of the pandemic, I, with some help, have spent approximately 15 hours per week working on and next to Magruder Trail, removing invasive plants and reintroducing native plants. In recognition of our efforts, Magruder has been designated by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation as a "Bay wise site" and by the Audubon Society as a "Bird friendly habitat." FLBC received a grant from the town in 2016. I believe that money has not yet been exhausted. I guess you could call the fact that FLBC works on town-owned land a passive contribution by the town. Market support – an annual town grant funds the needed insurance for the market each year; the town provides space for the market at the community center in addition to electricity for market vendors who need it; and supports the market through space for advertising in the monthly town newsletter. 2024 UPDATES Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek regularly collaborates with numerous local and area organizations and agencies including the Town of Cheverly, the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee, Community Native Planting Project, Cheverly Village, Scouting USA troops, Anacostia Watershed Community Advisory Committee, Anacostia Riverkeeper (ARK), Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS), Joe's Movement Emporium' GreenWorks Program, Defensores de la Cuenca, the Cheverly American Legion Post 108, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Chesapeake Bay Trust, the county Public Works Department, Maryland State Highway Administration, WSSC and Pepco. The natural area restoration work provides green space that provides important ecosystem services including the reduction of polluted stormwater runoff, cooler cleaner air and a place for area residents to connect with and learn from and about nature. The area serves as a valuable and appreciated buffer between Route 50 and residential areas and the Cheverly Town Park and Community Center. In addition to the annual Earth Day Cleanup in conjunction with the AWS that draws 20 to 30 volunteers to clean up trash dumped and blown from Route 50 into the park, a new trash cleanup was initiated in 2022 and continued twice more in 2023 to remove the accumulating unsightly and unhealthy trash on the exit ramp from Route 50 to Cheverly. The expanded commercial warehouse area south and east of Cheverly and its major 24-7 semi truck traffic served by this ramp has become a magnet for trash, including the illicit dumping by truck drivers of bottles of urine. 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IMAGE: [2024 BAYWISE CERTIFIED SIGN](#)

IMAGE: [FEBRUARY 2023 - LITTER & TRASH CLEANUP NOTICE](#)

IMAGE: [MAY 2024 - FRIENDS OF LOWER BEAVERDAM CREEK NEWSLETTER POST](#)

Create a Watershed Plan

20 Points

Program Summary: All Things Water In 2022, the Town of Cheverly and the Low Impact Development Center finalized an All Things Water plan to summarize the physical, natural, and land use attributes of the Town's main watersheds and to identify projects and actions in a pilot drainage area to help protect and restore Cheverly's waterways. Existing data was collected and analyzed to identify causes and sources of pollution within the Town. This included information from a recent community survey on "water woes" impacting Town residents and past information on complaints submitted to County agencies. For each identified "water woe," site visits were conducted to better define the problem and observable impacts; categorize potential benefits in relation to improved water quality, improved drainage, flood reduction benefit, other/non-stormwater benefit, or a combination thereof; and provide strategies to address the "water woe." A representative drainage area within Cheverly was then selected to holistically evaluate opportunities to improve the water quality while also providing other community benefits. Citizen Engagement: Over the last several years, Cheverly has worked with its residents to gain a better understanding of water-related concerns impacting community members. Because not all of the issues originate on city-owned lands, some solutions require action from residents themselves. The Town established a Water Task Force to help gather information from concerned residents. The Town's Department of Public Works worked with the nonprofit Low Impact Development Center to conduct an initial assessment of each concern. DPW has utilized the information to coordinate efforts with the County Department of Public Works and Transportation, WSSC Water, and others to address issues concerning public infrastructure and property. Handouts on common issues on residential properties were also prepared for DPW to help educate residents on steps they can take to address water-related issues affecting private properties.

PDF: [CHEVERLY GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN](#)

PDF: [ALL THINGS WATER PLAN](#)

PDF: [TOC WATER DASHBOARD](#)

PDF: [CHEVERLY RESIDENTS' GUID TO WATER WOES](#)

Planning & Land Use

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Planning & Land Use

10 Points

Program Summary: #1: "H2O, Friend and Foe" Water Education Project In response to residents' concerns of flooding and similar issues the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee was tasked by the Town Council with mounting an informational program to help residents understand water problems. The Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee organized an event on November 9, 2019, dedicated to helping residents learn more about water issues in Cheverly. At the event, "H2O, Friend and Foe," residents learned about Town, County, and homeowner responsibilities for finding solutions to "water woes," the role of trees in stormwater management, and County rebates available to homeowners planning to implement stormwater management practices. Residents who had implemented such practices were on hand for consultation, and rain barrels were sold at cost. At the same time the committee began to map residents' water-related experiences, an initiative which is continuing with an online survey which will help the Town of Cheverly pinpoint problem areas. The event was publicized by the Green Infrastructure Committee at Community Markets, in the Cheverly Newsletter, at Town Meetings, and on social media. Concurrently with publicity for "H2O, Friend and Foe," the Cheverly Newsletter ran a series of brief articles on the histories of Cheverly's waterways. Following the event, the committee recommended that the Mayor and Council explore a partnership with the Low-Impact Design Center and the Chesapeake Bay Trust to address water issues in Cheverly. More specifically, it recommends a town-wide conceptual design, along with phased neighborhood, or "mini-watershed" - centered implementation. Cheverly's topography, with its many hills constituting small watershed divides, lends itself well to such a plan. Currently, the Department of Public Works is seeking to develop a plan for "all things water." A second event planned for April 18, 2020 was canceled due to the pandemic. Flyer for November 2019 event: <https://sites.google.com/site/cheverlygreenplan/home/Flyer%20Friend%20and%20Foe.jpg> 2024 UPDATE: In 2020 the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee recommended that the Mayor and Council explore a partnership with the Low-Impact Design Center and the Chesapeake Bay Trust to address water issues in Cheverly. More specifically, and in keeping with a recommendation of the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan, it recommends a town-wide conceptual design, along with phased neighborhood, or "mini-watershed" - centered implementation. Cheverly's topography, with its many hills constituting small watershed divides, lends itself well to such a plan. Currently, the Department of Public Works is seeking to develop a plan for "all things water." The Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek The Towns' volunteer organization conducts regular invasive species removal opportunities for volunteers as well as trail maintenance and trash removal. Two demonstration native gardens have been established and maintained in recent years, one at historic Magruder Spring at the south entrance to the trail near a prime transportation hub for the community at the ramps to and from Rt 50 at Cheverly Avenue and adjacent to the Cheverly Metrorail Station. The second garden is at Ken's Corner, a mid-way access area to the trail dedicated to a longtime volunteer leader. Both gardens have water elements that contribute to site biodiversity. Benches at each garden area and at six other locations along the trail proved places for rest, contemplation and observation. Seven of the eight benches were made with salvaged materials donated by Community Forklift, the community materials reuse nonprofit in Bladensburg. For at least eight years Community Forklift has provided \$500 annually in materials that are used for trail maintenance including foot bridges. In 2023, \$260 of donated funds were used to purchase new and replacement markers for tree and plant identification markers along the trail that foster learning and curiosity. In the two years prior to that girl scouts installed and have since maintained a free little library station.

WORD: [WATER OUTREACH INFO AND NEWSLETTER](#)

Participation in DHCD Sustainable Communities

20 Points

Program Summary: Cheverly was granted DHCD Sustainable Community Status in 2016. The primary contacts for the application were Mayor Mike Callahan and Rachael Abramson. The main environmental focus points identified in the application were to reduce impervious surface cover and further increase the expansive tree cover, as well as implement environmental site design techniques on-site and reduce overall energy consumption. The main economic focuses were enhancing the visual quality of existing commercial areas and along adjacent streets and providing new opportunities for shopping, dining and community gathering along Landover Road. Their transportation plan involves encouraging pedestrian and bike activity and improving the quality of transit service. Their housing plan is focused on improving the exterior of older houses or those in disrepair and continuing to attract new families through community activities. Their plan improves quality of life by supporting local markets and creating new community gathering locations. And finally their planning and land use plan will be to increase buffering between housing and industrial areas. Their have identified public, private, and commercial partners for each point and adopted timely actions to see that each goal becomes a reality. The Sustainable Communities designation supported pursuing a grant opportunity to address improving the facade of the 202 Plaza. The application wasn't successful, but the designation continues and would support similar opportunities. I am also including the information from the DHCD link and info. <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/dn/default.aspx> The 2016 designation as a Sustainable Community with the State of Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development is effective through at least Nov. 16, 2021. 2024 UPDATES: The Town of Cheverly applied for designation renewal and was approved was in 2022, we are still waiting for the letter.

PDF: [DHCD SIGNED ACCEPTANCE LETTER: 2016-2021](#)

PDF: [TOWN OF CHEVERLY SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND ACTION PLAN](#)

PDF: [TOWN OF CHEVERLY SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER](#)

PDF: [TOWN OF CHEVERLY GREEN CLIMATE RESOLUTION](#)

PDF: [TOWN OF CHEVERLY DHCD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [2022 TOC SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION RENEWAL](#)

Historic Preservation

Establish National Register Historic District

10 Points

Program Summary: Via Resolution 1-18 adopted May 24, 2018, the Town of Cheverly resolved to apply for financial assistance to the Prince George's County Planning Department for preparation of a draft nomination seeking Cheverly's inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The Prince George's County Planning Department approved the application in June and M-NCPPC engaged The Ottery Group as a consultant (contract amount of \$33,430). Beginning in fall 2018, team members from Ottery undertook the survey, research, photography, documentation and writing work required to prepare Cheverly's nomination for consideration. In 2020 the Town requested additional funding for a survey and research to expand the nomination to include further properties. This expansion was agreed to by the Prince George's County Planning Board, Planning Department, and the Maryland Historical Trust. The Governor's Consulting Committee on the National Register approved the nomination at its meeting of October 17, 2023. After a few minor corrections and additions, the revised nomination was forwarded by the State Historic Preservation Office (the Maryland Historical Trust) to the National Register office of the National Park Service for final action, now estimated to take place on or about the week of July 5, 2024. Although the Towns' nomination has been accepted, I do not have a copy of the official letter to attach at this time. LINKS Pending List National Register of Historic Places from National Park Service: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/pending-list-2024-05-25.htm> Cheverly Historic District National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form https://www.pgplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Cheverly-Historic-District_NRHP_Nomination-Revised-04_15_2024-clean.pdf PRESS RELEASE: Cheverly Historic District Listed on National Register of Historic Places <https://www.cheverly-md.gov/civicalerts.aspx?aid=54> Cheverly Historic District Listing on MD Historical Trust Site : <https://apps.mht.maryland.gov/nr/NRDetail.aspx?FROM=NRDBList.aspx&NRID=1742&COUNTY=Prince%20Georges&SEARCHTYPE=locationSearch&PROPNAME=&STREETNAME=&CITYNAME=Cheverly&KEYWOR>

PDF: [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR PLANNING ASSISTANCE](#)

IMAGE: [HISTORIC DISTRICT MAP](#)

Transportation

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

15 Points

Program Summary: In the September 2023 work session the Mayor and Council were presented with plans from MDOT-SHA's 'Shared Use Path Route Comparison and Recommendation'. The proposed paths from Cheverly to the Anacostia River Trail included two options: MD 450 and MD 202 or MD 201. At a later date, MDOT-SHA presented the Town with a shared use path feasibility study designed to evaluate the installation of a shared use path along Lloyd Street, Newton Street, 52nd Avenue, MD 201 Northbound, Lydell Road and Schuster Drive. The limits of the proposed design begin at the Anacostia River Trail entrance at the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) and end at Craftsman Circle. Feedback on the bicycle path was received by Mayor and Council in Town Meetings and Work session. Resident's showed interest in the addition of the path to the Town and the advantages it could potentially give resident's who enjoy biking. The plan has been approved with the full support of Cheverly Mayor Kaysey Munyeneh and council for the MD 202 connection and is currently in design pending utility line identification. SHA Project Link <https://mdot-sha-md202-md450-to-57th-ave-pg8575130-maryland.hub.arcgis.com/> Town of Cheverly Links meeting minutes of work session with presentation https://www.cheverly-md.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/_09282023-17

PDF: [PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT WITH PROJECT DETAILS](#)

PDF: [SHARED USE STUDY BY MDOT SHA](#)

PDF: [SHARED USE COMPARISON AND RECOMMENDATION BY MDOT SHA](#)