



Sustainable Maryland Update

November 2016

Dear Friend

MEET OUR NEW CHESAPEAKE CONSERVATION CORPS VOLUNTEER / GREEN TEAMS LAUNCH IN FROSTBURG, WALKERSVILLE & MOUNT AIRY / COMMUNITY SOLAR WEBINAR

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



Frostburg's new Green Team

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](#)

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

Agriculture and Environmental Law Conference
Date: November 18
Location: Annapolis
[Link](#)

Grow Maryland Summit: The Future of Value-Added Agriculture
Date: December 1
Location: Kent Island
[Link](#)

Community Solar Webinar
Date: Dec. 7
Time: 2:00-4:00pm
[Link](#)

Looking Ahead

MEET KIMBERLY CHOI, OUR NEW CHESAPEAKE CONSERVATION CORPS VOLUNTEER

I've come to Sustainable Maryland with a mind to make better places of Maryland municipalities: better places both in the sense of better cared-for geographical locations, as well as better sites of community and culture. My role, put simply, is to figure out why people make choices that render their communities better or worse places, and to encourage the right choices with a sensitivity to differing needs and circumstances.



To this end, I will be conducting primary research. The results will inform my development of campaigns, publications, and recommendations for Sustainable Maryland. I come to this work with a master's degree in social research from the University of Edinburgh which I completed this year. Before that I majored in English and sociology and minored in sustainability studies as an undergraduate right here at the University of Maryland. My current professional interests are extracting and telling stories, and learning from them as well.

This year I am here full-time as a member of the [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#), the Chesapeake Bay Trust's one-year work placement program for young people. Apart from my work with Sustainable Maryland, I am involved in research, community projects, and writing for other Environmental Finance Center initiatives such as litter reduction.

Despite these attempts to examine and alter behavior as though it is controllable, I will hold always that Marylanders are humans! In fact, I believe it is our very humanity that enables us to willfully improve our societies, and that makes sustainable communities our ideal homes.

LAUNCHING NEW GREEN TEAMS IN CITY OF FROSTBURG, WALKERSVILLE, AND TOWN OF MOUNT AIRY

SM staff had the pleasure of helping to launch three new Green Teams last month in the City of [Frostburg](#), the Town of [Walkersville](#), and the Town of [Mount Airy](#).

Frostburg (Allegany County) has a [farmers market](#) and community garden, and has been designated a Tree City USA. The city has completed energy audits on several municipal buildings, and is also instrumental in moving forward the creation of a [solar co-op](#) for the region.

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

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

[Our Full Events Calendar](#)

SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND MUNICIPALITIES IN THE NEWS

14 Municipalities Awarded Sustainable Maryland Certified Status for 2016
[Link](#)

College Park Receives Prestigious Sustainable Maryland Award
[Link](#)

Bowie Receives Sustainable Maryland Certified Award at MML Conference
[Link](#)

Annapolis Again Earns Sustainable Maryland Certification
[Link](#)

Ocean City Honored at Sustainable Maryland Awards Ceremony
[Link](#)

For the First Time, Salisbury Wins Sustainable Maryland Certified Award
[Link](#)



Walkersville Green Team

Walkersville (Frederick County) has a community garden, a [water conservation plan](#), and their town-wide yard sale keeps useful items out of the landfill.



Mount Airy Green Team

Mount Airy (Carroll/Frederick Counties) has a farmers market, and recently installed an electric vehicle charging station at one of their municipal parking lots. The town has also recently constructed the first section of a [new rail trail](#) that will link the downtown business district with local parks and residential neighborhoods.

We look forward to working with Frostburg, Walkersville and Mount Airy as they initiate programs and projects to make their communities better places live, work, and play!

COMMUNITY SOLAR WEBINAR, DECEMBER 7

Thanks to a [new bill](#) approved in 2015 and subsequent regulations the solar market is now open to all ratepayers! Join our Community Solar webinar and learn how you, your business, and your neighbors can join together to build a local clean energy solar project. Presented by [Neighborhood Sun](#).

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 7

Time: 2:00-3:30pm

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

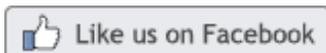
QUOTE

"If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

- Martin Luther King, Jr., civil rights leader

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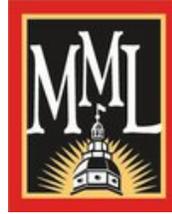




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