



## Sustainable Maryland Update

October 2016

Dear Friend

# Congratulations to our 2016 Sustainable Maryland Certified Municipalities!

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



*2016 Class of Sustainable Maryland Certified municipalities, at the Maryland Municipal League's annual Fall Conference in Solomons, MD on October 14*

### GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Charles County Forestry Grant Program

### OUR CLASS OF 2016 - SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND CERTIFIED!

We are pleased to announce the following 14 municipalities achieved Sustainable Maryland Certified status in 2016:

(Chesapeake Bay Trust)  
Deadline: Rolling  
[More info](#)

Community Engagement &  
Restoration Mini-grants  
(Chesapeake Bay Trust)  
Deadline: Rolling  
[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

Community Solar -  
CSGA/MCC Speaker  
Series  
Date: October 20  
Location: Annapolis  
[Link](#)

Behavior, Energy, and  
Climate Change  
Conference  
Dates: October 20-22  
Location: Baltimore  
[Link](#)

TEDx MidAtlantic  
Dates: October 21-22  
Location: Washington  
DC  
[Link](#)

American Conservation  
Film Festival  
Dates: October 21-23  
Location:  
Shepherdstown, WV  
[Link](#)

Community Solar -  
Solar is for Everyone  
Date: October 23

- City of [Bowie](#) (Prince George's County; *first certified in 2013*) - Bowie was named our **2016 Sustainability Champion** for amassing an impressive 560 points on their application, more than any other community this year.
- City of [Annapolis](#) (Anne Arundel County; *first certified in 2013*)
- Town of [Bladensburg](#) (Prince George's County, first certified in 2013)
- Town of [Colmar Manor](#) (Prince George's County; *NEW*)
- City of [College Park](#) (Prince George's County; *first certified in 2013*)
- Town of [Edmonston](#) (Prince George's County; *first certified in 2013*)
- City of [Frederick](#) (Frederick County; *first certified in 2013*)
- City of [Gaithersburg](#) (Montgomery County; *first certified in 2013*)
- City of [Havre de Grace](#) (Harford County; *NEW*)
- City of [Hyattsville](#) (Prince George's County; *first certified in 2013*)
- Town of [Middletown](#) (Frederick County; *NEW*)
- Town of [Ocean City](#) (Worcester County; *NEW*)
- City of [Salisbury](#) (first municipality to be certified in Wicomico County; *NEW*)
- Town of [Thurmont](#) (Frederick County; *NEW*)

Go to the [map of Sustainable Maryland municipalities](#) and click on a town or city to view their individual certification reports.



*City of Bowie, our 2016  
"Sustainability Champion"*

place on our certification designation, and the sustainability of SM's municipal **Green Team/Action Plan** framework.

We are especially pleased this year by the successful re-certification of the all six Sustainable Maryland Certified municipalities from the class of 2013. This is continuing evidence of both the value communities

Location: Towson

[Link](#)

WELL Workshop:  
Understanding the  
WELL Building  
Standard

Date: October 27

Location: Washington,  
DC

[Link](#)

### *Looking Ahead*

Cities Alive: Annual  
Green Roof & Wall  
Conference

Dates: November 1-4

Location: Washington  
DC

[Link](#)

USGBC Maryland's  
Engineering Green  
Maryland 2016

Date: November 2

Location: Baltimore

[Link](#)

Wildlife Habitat Council  
Conservation  
Conference

Dates: November 2-3

Location: Baltimore

[Link](#)

Congress on Harnessing  
Big Data for the  
Environment

Dates: December 6-7

Location: Washington,  
DC

[Link](#)

[Our Full Events Calendar](#)

**SUSTAINABLE  
MARYLAND  
MUNICIPALITIES IN  
THE NEWS**

## Well Done Class of 2016!

**REGISTER NOW! SUSTAINABILITY METRICS WORKSHOPS**

### *Leadership Training Workshops* **Sustainability Metrics: Measuring What Matters**

November 14, 16 and 17

Join us for our annual Leadership Training to learn about the importance of capturing and utilizing data in your town's sustainability projects.

You've heard of "big data" and the importance of measuring your community's progress, but how does that practically work at the local level? Come learn about how you can start harnessing the data that flows through your community's infrastructure and programs and translate it into meaningful metrics.

Our upcoming Leadership Training workshops will provide you with:

- **Introduction to Data Collection:**
  - the importance of tracking data for process improvement, attracting funders, and justifying programs to residents
  - the importance of knowing your audience and your goals
  - the importance of collecting different types of data. Qualitative vs. Quantitative
  - examples of communities who have data tracking programs or processes.
- **Tools and Resources:** A review of data tracking tools and resources that communities can easily apply to their programs. Various topic areas will include: Energy, Stormwater, Tree Cover, Waste, Finances, Volunteers.
- **Visualizing Data:** The importance of storytelling, infographics, social media, and transparency.

**3 DATES / 3 LOCATIONS - SAME GREAT PROGRAM!**

**Monday, November 14, 9:00am - 4:00pm**

Location: Cambridge Public Safety Building, Cambridge

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**Wednesday, November 16, 9:00am - 4:00pm**

Location: Hyattsville City Hall, Hyattsville

[REGISTER](#)

**Thursday, November 17, 9:00am - 4:00pm**

Location: University System of Maryland at Hagerstown



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Maryland Municipal League Sept./Oct. Magazine featuring Sustainable Maryland Certified Communities [Link](#)

Solar Co-Op Forms in Gaithersburg [Link](#)

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$35.00 (includes breakfast, lunch, program materials, free parking)

Questions? Contact Mike Hunninghake at [mikeh75@umd.edu](mailto:mikeh75@umd.edu) or 301-405-7956.

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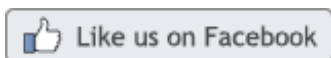
## QUOTE

*"We are very proud to be named a 2016 Sustainable Maryland Certified municipality. For over 20 years we have undertaken green initiatives and have been a better town as a result. However, the focus that Sustainable Maryland brought to Middletown and our Green Team in our quest for certification has taken us to a new level of green, money-saving, initiatives and has set the trend for Middletown to be a sustainable community well in to the future."*

--John D. Miller, Burgess, Town of Middletown

*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](mailto:mikeh75@umd.edu)*

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