



Sustainable Maryland Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Maryland Certification Report of College Park (Prince George's), a Sustainable Maryland certified applicant.

College Park (Prince George's) was certified on October 15, 2019 with 385 points. Listed below is information regarding College Park (Prince George's)'s Sustainable Maryland efforts and materials associated with the applicant's certified actions.

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Sustainability Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which College Park (Prince George's) was approved for in 2019 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

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Community Action

5 Points

Program Summary:

Each year the City of College Park provided free community shredding, in addition we collect electronic for recycling at the six city sponsored clean-up events. The City actively promotes these events through their Facebook and Twitter posts, the Municipal Scene Newsletter and the Weekly Bulletin. The budget for 4-hour of shredding is \$700. We do not receive a weight report from our shredding event. During the shredding event in April we had 51 residents bring their paperwork to shred; many brought several boxes or bags. Our yearly E-waste costs are approximately \$11,000. During the April Cleanup Days 65 residents brought E-waste ranging from TV's, computers, printers, microwaves and many other misc. items. By collecting electronics waste at our clean-up events we keep the harmful metals like chromium, mercury and beryllium that pose environmental risks out of the landfill. We bring E-waste to Securis, an IT Asset Auditing, Recycling & Destruction company in Elkridge, MD to process. Securis holds NAID, AAA and R2 certifications, adhering to the highest standards for secure data destruction and responsible recycling of equipment and materials. Their recycling procedures adhere to strict zero-landfill, zero-export policies. During our April Clean-up event* we processed approximately 4,893 lbs of E-Waste (*some of this weight could also have been collected during our weekly special trash pickups in April). During our two October 2018 clean-up events we had 69 visitors who brought approximately 1,700 lbs. of e-waste.

 [Cleanup Event Advertisement](#)

 [April Municipal Scene](#)

 [Invoice for Shredding 2019](#)

 [Electronic Waste Documentation from Clean-up Event](#)






 [October 2018 Ewaste paperwork](#)

Participation in MD Green Schools

10 Points

Program Summary:

Paint Branch Elementary School (PBES) is a MAEOE-Certified Maryland Green School and serves children from the City of College Park. PBES green team added a garden in their atrium located in the lobby of the school. In the fall of 2018 the City's Sustainability Coordinator visited the school and had a presentation on recycling and composting. In the spring of 2018 PBES worked with the City to plant trees as part of an Arbor Day planting. The Center for Young Children (CYC) is a MAEOE-Certified Maryland Green School and serves children from the City of College Park as well as other jurisdictions. CYC attained the highest award of Platinum from the Office of sustainability's Green Office program. CYC was one of the first offices to receive the Platinum status by showing how they go above and beyond the Green Office program's specified actions. Some of the actions taken by CYC include collecting plastic bags for recycling, becoming a Maryland Green School, composting, growing a vegetable garden, using reusable plates and utensils for office events, and having a staff salad bar Monday, as well as incorporating a "Trash-free Tuesdays" lunch in order to minimize waste.

-  [CYC Green School Page](#)
-  [Paint Branch Green Team Screen Shot](#)
-  [PBES visit and presentation pictures](#)
-  [PBES Article in the weekly bulletin](#)
-  [CYC Plaque](#)

Green Fairs

Hold a Green Fair

10 Points

Program Summary:

On Saturday, July 14, 2018 the College Park Committee for a Better Environment (CBE) which is the City's Green Team along with the Prince George's County Department of the Environment and the College Park City-University Partnership (CPCUP) hosted a sustainability expo. CBE budgeted \$100 on refreshments for the event. About 30 people attended the presentation and viewed information tables provided by Prince George's County Department of the Environment's pollinators expert and an expert on the Rain Check rebate program, leaders from the University's Master Gardener Program, the City of College Park's Committee for a Better Environment (CBE) and the Anacostia Watershed society. Participants purchased a total of 99 rain barrels, and CBE raffled off five diverters. In addition, 20 LED bulbs were given to College Park residents.

-  [Rainbarrel Spec Sheet](#)

-  CBE Minutes with results of sustainable fair
-  Rainbarrel Sale Banner
-  Green Fair 2018
-  Sustainable Expo Social Media Campaigns
-  CPCUP Sustainability Expo Information

Green Team

Build SM Resource Center

5 Points

Program Summary:

BROCHURES The Committee for a Better Environment (CBE) which is our Green Team, provides sustainability resources on the City's website:

<https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/boards#CBE>. In addition, the CBE Liaison performs outreach in the community. During community outreach, brochures are available on several topics such as: tree planting, tree pruning, lawn care, natural mosquito control methods, water conservation, rain gardens and rain barrels. Typically, we can go through about 25 copies of each brochure at events.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY For many years, the Committee for a Better Environment has provided several books and movies on sustainability and other environmental topics to the College Park Community Library. The items are spread throughout their collection, which is located at the College Park Church of the Nazarene, 9704 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park. The library ran an 8 week series two years ago featuring the video's from CBE; attendance was low (6-9), however, those who attended left feeling they had learned something. A number of video's were checked out and returned, however, they have been integrated in to the libraries shelves by author's last name. Some of the videos have been donated to the College Park Arts Exchange and have been shown at the Old Parish House. CBE also donated a number of children's books on the environment; those books are in the children's section and have been checked out a number of times. The community library doesn't have the means to know how many times an item has been checked out.

TIP OF THE MONTH CBE started promoting a "Tip of the month" in the city's newsletter "The Municipal Scene" starting in October of 2018. The newsletter is printed and mailed to 100 residents, and about 25 copies are available in each city facility each month, it is also emailed to residents who have signed up to received information from the City; we average 2,500 page views, opened by approximately 400 people per month. In addition, it is posted on social media and neighborhood list-serves. Topics published have included: ...No grease in your garbage disposal and use cold water ...Pepco Quick Home Energy Check-up Program ...Winter Weather Proofing ...Green Cleaning ...Recycling Correctly ...Recycling Textiles ...Environmentally Friendly Fertilizers ...Avoiding invasive plant species ...Choosing Paint Colors To Save Energy ...Save money and energy with better lighting CBE receives

occasional feedback from residents regarding topics we have promoted. The feedback has been positive, which shows that residents are willing to make behavioral changes to help support a better environment.

 [Library Interior Photo](#)

 [CBE Brochures](#)

 [CBE Table at CP Day](#)

Complete a Green Team Action Plan

10 Points

Mandatory

Program Summary:

The City's Green Team established initial three-year goals in 2013 prior to achieving Sustainable Maryland certification. In 2015, College Park approved a 5-year Strategic Plan which covers citywide goals for environmental sustainability. The sustainability action items include: a permaculture plan, community gardens, a city operations sustainability plan, a community sustainability plan, partnerships with the University of Maryland, stormwater improvements, and additional parks. That plan is provided as an attachment. As the Committee for a Better Environment carries forward the City's Sustainable Maryland certification, it also has focused interests that correspond with the City's plan. Those goals are provided as an attachment. The group continues to strive for a more sustainable College Park. We have prepared a draft SMART/PAYT report that will be presented to the Mayor and Council in July 2019. CBE Ongoing Business July 2019 forward: • Next workshops—wildflower • Translation of CBE brochures into Spanish • Supports creating an ordinance requiring a permit for tree removals (Tree and Landscape Board) • Opposition of Artificial Turf Grass on local fields Possible focus for the coming year: • Trash and litter reduction. Increase re-use and recycling. • Water quality • Tree cover/canopy (working with Tree and Landscape Board) • Renewable energy • Community Education

 [2015-2020 Strategic Plan](#)

 [CBE 3 Year Goals 2016-2019](#)

 [Complete a Green Team Action Plan Documentation](#)

 [2018-19 CBE Annual Report to Council](#)

 [CBE SMART Program 2019](#)


Conduct Community Barriers and Benefits Assessment

15 Points

Program Summary:

Encouraging residents to physically separate their food scraps helps to show them how much

food they are wasting. With this knowledge they can learn ways to shop smarter and change their purchasing and cooking habits. Composting of municipal food scraps has numerous documented benefits to a community. These range from the environmental benefit of reduced methane emissions in the atmosphere, to spatial and economic benefits from diverting a significant portion of solid waste from local landfills. Food waste is a substantial part of the Municipal solid waste stream in Maryland. Food scraps comprise 43.1% of compostable material and 14.9% of the total waste generated in Maryland. With this knowledge the City began looking into ways to help change behaviors regarding food waste. In April 2017 the City rolled out a program allowing residents to purchase a Backyard Compost Bin for \$20, providing an affordable way for residents to compost in their own backyard. To date, 165 residents have purchased these bins and are diverting their food waste from the landfill. Knowing that more needed to be done, we engaged with a University of Maryland Student Group that was looking for a Capstone project to work on. The students were tasked with selecting potential solutions to the food waste recycling issue. Through extensive background research and collaboration with communities who have successfully implemented similar programs, the students looked at three different ways the City could embark on this. 1. Continue the Backyard Composting. 2. Initiate a Food Scrap Drop Off Program. 3. Start a Curbside Food Scrap Program. The group created a survey to understand the current mindset of residents. They developed and executed a cost-benefit analysis for each composting method and presented their findings to the City. The students research found that the backyard composting program was both economical and sustainable but that much more could be captured if we initiated one of the other programs. Therefore, on April 1, 2019 we rolled out a food scrap drop-off program at Public Works along with 2 additional locations that are open seasonally (May-November) at the City's two Farmers Markets. To encourage participation, we mailed postcards to all households in the City and advertised a free giveaway of a 5-gallon bucket to the first 50 participants. We gave away all the buckets in one week and ordered another 50 to help roll out the Farmers Market program. Since April 1, 2019, the program has diverted 2.3 tons of food scraps! The Committee for A Better Environment continues to encourage residents to participate in the program and are planning additional outreach to the community.

-  [Letter of Engagement UMD](#)
-  [Guide to home composting](#)
-  [User Gude to Food Scrap Drop Off Program](#)
-  [Food Scrap Postcard](#)
-  [Press Release](#)
-  [CP Food Waste Diversion files from Capstone Group](#)

**Create Green
Team**

10 Points **Mandatory**

Program Summary:

On August 9th, 2011, the College Park City Council passed a resolution for the City to pursue actions and initiatives that would ultimately lead toward the City's certification within the Sustainable Maryland Certified Municipal Communities program. In March 2012, College Park adopted 12-R-06, a Resolution establishing the Sustainable Maryland Certified Green Team. In September 2015, the Green Team was merged into the Committee for a Better Environment. The CBE is one of the City's oldest and most distinguished committees and continues the goals of Sustainable Maryland. The CBE meets on the 4th Thursday of most months at Davis Hall (9217 51st Avenue, College Park.) Meetings are open to the public. Agendas and minutes are available on our website. The CBE web page is <https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/boards#CBE>





-  [Green Team CBE Letter](#)
-  [CBE Minutes March 2019](#)
-  [CBE Minutes April 2019](#)
-  [CBE Agenda March 2019](#)
-  [CBE Draft Agenda April 2019](#)
-  [2018-19 CBE Annual Report to Council](#)

Participate in SM Green Team Training

5 Points

Program Summary:

The Committee for a Better Environment participated in Green Team training presented by Sustainable Maryland's Mike Hunninghake on November 23, 2015. The City Horticulturist and a member of the Committee for a Better Environment attended Growing the Community Forest workshop in November 2018. More recently, two members from the Committee for a Better Environment along with the City's Sustainability Coordinator participated in a webinar titled: Sustainable Maryland Preparing for the 2019 certification deadline. Webinar was presented by Brandy Espinola on May 1, 2019.

-  [Sustainable Maryland Training Powerpoint](#)
-  [CP Green Team Training Sign In Sheet](#)
-  [Participate in SMC Green Team Training Documentation](#)
-  [Tree Workshop Class](#)

Community Based Food System

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Community Based Food

15 Points

Program Summary:

PERMACULTURE GARDEN: Background: Following a research and design process led by the Committee for a Better Environment (CBE) and the City's Planning Department, along with community input, the City's Trolley Trail Permaculture Garden was planted in October, 2014. The Phase 1 plantings consisted of over 150 trees, shrubs and other plants. It is located along Rhode Island Avenue between Greenbelt Road and Tecumseh Street. Funding was provided from the Committee for a Better Environment's FY 2015 planting budget. Maintenance and management is provided by a group of volunteers recruited from current CBE members and other interested community members. In April 2019 CBE replaced some trees and plants, weeded and mulched as part of a Good Neighbor Day event. On June 22, 2019 a volunteer group along with a few CBE members performed basic clean-up (weeding) at the permaculture garden.

 [Permaculture Presentation](#)

 [Planting Plan](#)

 [Plant List](#)

 [Permaculture Pilot Memo](#)

 [Good Neighbor Day Permaculture Map 2019](#)

 [Permaculture 2019 Receipts for new plants](#)

Local Food Consumption

Establish Local Farmers Market

10 Points

Program Summary:

In 2011, the City of College Park worked with Miller Farms of Clinton, Maryland to establish a farmers market in Downtown College Park on Sundays from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The market runs from May to November in the City Hall parking lot at 4500 Knox Road. The City also has a farmer's market on Saturdays in northern College Park, located in the Hollywood Shopping Center at the corner of Edgewood Road and Rhode Island Avenue. The City's Economic Development Coordinator screens vendors for the Downtown market and the Hollywood Farmer's Market Board screens vendors for the Hollywood Farmer's Market. A contract on-site market master (Julie Beavers) is funded by the City to coordinate daily operations for both markets. The City actively promotes the Farmers Market through their Facebook and Twitter posts, the Municipal Scene Newsletter, and the Weekly Bulletin. Participation has been steady, as has sales. There are on average 6 vendors at the Downtown Market and 12

vendors at the Hollywood Market every week. City employees and Councilmembers will on occasion staff a table to engage with the public.

-  [Downtown Farmers Market Vendor Handbook](#)
-  [Establish Local Farmers Market Documentation](#)
-  [Hollywood Farmers Market Screenshot FB](#)
-  [City Website Screen shot for Farmers Market](#)
-  [Downtown Farmers Market screen shot FB](#)
-  [Examples of Spring 2019 Advertisements for Farmers Markets](#)

Local Food Production

Community Gardens 15 Points Priority

Program Summary:

The first College Park Community Garden was established in 2015 near the Old Town playground at the corner of Norwich Road and Columbia Avenue on land the City owns. It currently has 38 plots, all pesticide-free, of which 36 are in use for the current season. Plots are raised beds measuring 40 square feet in area. The City's Community Development Coordinator maintains plot registrations. Members pay a nominal \$15 fee to rent a plot with additional funding provided by the City. The garden is promoted via the City's listserv and social media during the spring and early summer and in the weekly bulletin in the Spring. In 2018 a second Community Garden was established on non-city owned land in North College Park at the corner of Edgewood Road and Rhode Island Avenue. It has 14 plots, all of which are in use for the current season. Community Garden Rules Garden access is limited to plot holders and authorized guests only. The gardens use raised beds. All plots are approximately 40 sq ft and arranged so that gardeners can reach in from at least two sides. The plots are 4 feet wide so that a person can reach the middle of their plot without stepping into the soil. Pesticides are not allowed. Water is provided at both gardens. A completed membership application, a signed hold harmless agreement and \$15 registration payment is required.

-  [Community Garden Presentation](#)
-  [Community Garden Flyer](#)
-  [Community Garden Memo](#)
-  [Community Gardens 2019 Application](#)
-  [Website screenshot and Weekly Bulletin 2019](#)
-  [Hollywood Garden 2018/19](#)

Energy

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Energy

20 Points

Program Summary:

SOLAR at YFS Youth and Family Services Building (YFS) Solar Project. The City of College Park submitted a grant to the Maryland Smart Energy Committee for funding for a 31 KW solar photovoltaic system at 4912 Nantucket Avenue; known as the Youth and Family Services Building. This grant was approved, and an RFP was issued for construction. Advanced Solar from White Plains MD won the bid and performed the installation. The cost of the project was \$99,600.00. The installation was completed in June 2017. We have realized a significant savings of approximately 40% in energy kilowatt hours at the facility. From June 2017 - July 2019 it produced 82.9 MWh and saved 58,275.45 kg in CO2 emissions. SOLAR at DPW The City received a grant through a Maryland Energy Administration for the design, construction and maintenance of another 30 KW solar photovoltaic system at the Department of Public Works (DPW), 9219 51st Avenue on the Facilities Fleet Garage. In January 2018 we contracted to AltEnergy and the project was completed in late 2018. Total cost of the project was \$96,730. From July 2018-July 2019 it has produced 33.22 mwh and saved 11,7391 km in CO2 emissions. LED lighting City City's public parking garage was was retrofitted with LED lighting in 2015. The City continues to maintain the lighting.

-  [Solar Panels at Public Works Garage - contract, rfp, etc.](#)
-  [Solar Panels at Youth and Family Service - Council memo, bid, maintenance](#)
-  [LED Lighting in parking garage 2016 files](#)
-  [Solar Infortation for YFS and PW](#)
-  [Kilowatt Usage spreadhseet](#)
-  [CP Parking Garage KWH Usage](#)

Municipal Energy Audits

20 Points

Priority

Program Summary:

New Level 2 Audits were performed in 2015 on three of our buildings. Two were done at our Public Works facility: Davis Hall and the Fleet Garage; and one was done at our Youth and Family Services Building, for a total of 3 audits. With the results of these energy audits many new projects have been initiated including solar at two of our facilities and the installation of some EV charging stations. More details of these programs are in other areas of our report.

-  [Davis Hall Level 2 Audit](#)

 Fleet Garage Level 2 Audit

 Youth and Family Level 2 Audit

Greenhouse Gas

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Greenhouse Gas

50 Points

Program Summary:

EV CHARGING STATIONS and ELECTRIC VEHICLE PURCHASE: The City installed 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in the parking garage above Ledo's at the intersection of Knox Road and Yale avenue. The City does not charge to use this station. In July of 2018 an Electric Vehicle Charging Station was installed at Public Works (9217 51st Avenue). In addition we have purchased the following hybrid vehicles, two 2014 Honda Insights, eight 2017 Ford C-Maxs, and one 2019 Chevrolet Bolt Fully Electric. We are in the process of purchasing a hybrid 20 person bus. The percentage of cars in fleet that are hybrid are 85%. The plan is to replace small sedans with electric sedans and to continue to monitor the progress on mid- size and heavy duty trucks for possible electric consideration. The industry is making good progress in the area of heavy trucks but we want to be sure they can perform the required duty we need which is 24/7 operability in emergencies. We plan to purchase 2 more electric cars in FY20 budget. The lesson learned on the first electric car is the vehicle operates well and can perform the functions we need to perform very efficiently. BIKE TO WORK DAY The City's Planning Department has hosted a Bike to Work Day Event in front of City Hall since 2002. The following departments also help staff the event: Administration and Human Resources. The Planning Department also spent money on food for the event. In 2019, 109 cyclists visited our pit stop on their way to work. Local bike shops and health and fitness businesses participated in the event to encourage residents to embrace cycling as part of a healthy lifestyle. In 2016, 77 participants visited our pit stop. Each year, Mayor Wojahn leads a convoy of bicyclists into DC. Donations of food and coffee are provided by local business. BIKESHARE PROGRAM The City of College Park was awarded a MDOT Bikeshare Grant for \$187,489 in FY 2013. The University of Maryland received a corresponding grant in the same program. Initial award of the grant assumed a sole-source contract award to Alta Inc., the operator of the regional Capital Bikeshare system. The bankruptcy of Alta's equipment supplier resulted in prolonged equipment unavailability and the vendor was not able to enter into a contract for a College Park system. After advising MDOT of the situation and conducting an approved RFP process, the City, in partnership with the University, decided to contract with Zagster, Inc to install and operate a bikeshare system in the City. The choice of Zagster was more economical and allowed for the purchase of a larger number bicycles and stations as well as providing a longer term of operations. The system, named mBike, launched on May 4, 2016 with 14 stations and 125 bicycles, including

5 accessible trikes. The City purchased half of the standard bicycles and half of the stations in the system, and the University purchased the other half. The City's share of the cost was \$137,761 after the grant. Under our contract, all maintenance and operations are provided by Zagster for 3 years. The mBike contract is ending in late 2019, and the City and University are negotiating with vendors to launch a new service with bikes, e-bikes, and scooters. Feedback on program: From May 2016 – August 2019, mBike saw 132,341 trips and 3937 active members. The system grew to have 24 stations throughout the City, campus, and nearby communities of University Park and Riverdale Park. The system was very popular and heavily used by students and residents for recreation and commuting trips. Stations near the College Park Metro were particularly heavily used, suggesting that many riders were using the system in conjunction with public transit. The program also provided detailed trip path data that will help inform placement of future shared mobility stations and implementation of improved bicycle infrastructure in places of high demand.

SMART CITIES
The City has been participating in the University of Maryland Smart Cities Initiative, launched in the spring of 2018. The project brings together UMD researchers, government leaders, and private companies to discuss and plan the deployment of smart technologies to improve the quality of life along the Baltimore Avenue corridor near the University of Maryland. City staff participated on a panel and in breakout groups for the Smart Cities Workshop. The National Center for Smart Growth and iSchool at the University of Maryland are now working with the City to develop a plan for implementing smart city technologies on the Baltimore Avenue corridor. Specific Projects are still being decided upon.

LEED Building
The City and the University are partners in a new City Hall, UMD offices, and public plaza. The project is in design development and the final design should be completed in late 2019. The demolition of the current City Hall will occur in the spring 2020, and the new building will be ready for occupancy in late 2022. The City and UMD are jointly designing the building, and each party will pay for the respective costs of its space. Attached is a rendering of the new City Hall.

CPCUP GRANTS
The College Park City-University Partnership, funded jointly by the City and the University, provided 15 grants to assist UMD employees to purchase homes in the City of College Park. This reduces commutes, stabilizes neighborhoods, and helps support the local economy. The program has assisted more than 50 new homeowners to date, most of whom bike or walk to work. This program will likely reduce the transportation-related GHG emissions created by the homeowners.

 [EV charging Station, PO's and pictures for Electric Volt](#)

 [City Hall Design Plans](#)

 [CPCUP Homeowners profiles](#)

 [CPCUP Homeownership program](#)

 [2019 Bike to Work Day Poster](#)

Municipal Carbon Footprint

15 Points Priority

Program Summary:

The City signed an MOU with the UMD Partnership for Action Learning in Sustainability (PALS) in February, 2015. Under this program, the University performed a Greenhouse Gas Inventory as part of a larger UMD partnership which also provided funding for 3 other PALS courses: 1. Improving Solid Waste Management Practices in the City of College Park 2. College Town: How can UMD enhance the urban life of College Park, and how can the City enhance the experience of UMD? 3. City Operations and Community Greenhouse Gas Inventories 4. Making Place: Public Art and Design The Assistant City Manager coordinated City staff from the Public Works, Planning, and Administration departments to provide needed information to the students, their professors, and the program managers on these projects. Students from each course presented the results of their work during the May 19, 2015 Council Meeting. The presentations are available on the City's website at: http://www.collegeparkmd.gov/programs_and_initiatives/pals.php From 2016 - 2019, the progress the City has made towards reducing our GHG emissions are: • Replacement of 3 older model trash compactor vehicles with new, more efficient vehicles (less pollution) • Installation of solar panels on two buildings (YFS and DPW Fleet Garage) • Purchase of one EV Station for Public Works • Purchase of 10 hybrid vehicles • Replacement of 20-year old HVAC system in YFS building • Hire a consultant to do a Bulk Trash Study, and bring that study to the Mayor and Council TREES College Park Tree Planting and Tree Canopy Enhancement Program - City of College Park property owners can apply for reimbursement of up to \$150 annually for approved tree(s) on their residential lot.

 [Greenhouse Gas Presentation](#)

 [GHG Inventory Summary 2018](#)

 [YFS Solar Monitoring](#)

 [EV charging Station, PO's and pictures for Electric Volt](#)

 [Solar Panels in Fleet Garage](#)

 [Bulk Trash Study](#)

Health & Wellness

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Health & Wellness

15 Points

Program Summary:

SENIORS WELLNESS PROGRAM: City of College Park Seniors Program. The City of College Park Seniors Program is one of several services provided to College Park residents.

The mission of the Seniors Program is to support self-determination, reduce isolation and promote a sense of purpose among residents 62 and above through individualized services, emotional support, social engagement activities and connection to community resources. Health and wellness are promoted through a variety of ways to keep senior residents mentally and physically active. Free transportation is provided to seniors in need of medical services and treatment within seven miles. An annual health and wellness day is promoted each fall and includes vendors and presenters such as the community hospital; nursing students; nutrition programs; screenings for blood pressure, vision and diabetes; and exercise instructors. On a weekly basis Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Senior Social activities occur 10:30 am – 12:00 pm and include chair exercise, aerobic activity and line dancing. There are also activities for trivia and puzzles for brain health during senior socials. Over the last few years we have sponsored a Chronic Disease Self- Management program for Diabetes through the local Department of Aging. Senior Services are publicized via the city website; distribution of program brochures; and monthly newsletter mailout to senior residences. Performance measures are calculated quarterly to assure that the target population is served. The component of Senior Wellness is managed by the City's Youth Family and Senior Services Department, within the Seniors Program. Funding for senior services are through the City's adopted budget. The department goal of enhancing quality of life for seniors was accomplished by measuring the number of senior social participants, which total 1,198 for FY 2019. The verbal 100% rating of "good and/or excellent" services was received from senior participants at exit survey for FY 2019. The following link is for the City of College Park Seniors Program. <https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/seniorsprogram>

SIDEWALK PEDESTRIAN ACCESS: Side walk project for pedestrian access and safety which will encourage residents to walk. About the project: Hollywood Road Sidewalk Feasibility Study and Design at Rhode Island Avenue in College Park. There is currently no sidewalk on this street, so residents must walk in the roadway and risk being hit by a car. Design plans will address the steep slope of this street, existing trees and utilities, and access to the Hollywood Playground. The feasibility study is complete. The cost of the study was approximately \$14,000. The project was managed by the Department of Planning, Community, and Economic Development. Public outreach included a community meeting with residents in November of 2018 where Mike Norton of Norton Land Design presented the results of a feasibility study that considered the potential installation of a sidewalk along Hollywood Road between Rhode Island Avenue and Baltimore Avenue. The presentation included an overview of current conditions and preliminary drawings of the recommended sidewalk installation. In addition, there was a presentation to Council, with opportunity for public input, in December of 2018. Funding: Anticipated Total Project Cost: \$95,000 Funding comes from the Safe Routes to School grant program and the Complete and Green Streets Capital Improvement Program. Estimated Completion Date: 2019

 [Hollywood Road Sidewalk Presentation](#)

 [Seniors Newsletter and Some Classes](#)

 Seniors Presentation on Medicare

 Community Meeting - Hollywood Road Sidewalk

Workplace Wellness





Workplace Wellness Program

10 Points

Program Summary:

The City's Wellness Program began in 2005 and is managed by the Human Resources Director and Human Resources Assistant (Generalist). It has grown into a comprehensive program that includes the City's insurance coverage, frequent lunch hour seminars and workshops, as well as an employee reimbursement program for fitness activities outside of the office. At the City's annual Health and Wellness Fair, the City provides one-stop access to a variety of health-focused opportunities, for example flu shots, basic blood tests, one-on-one consultation with dietitians, personal trainers, massage therapists and information on other wellness topics in a fun and convenient environment. The City's Wellness Reimbursement program provides a reimbursement of up to \$75 per fiscal year for each eligible employee who participates in a fitness program or purchases fitness-related equipment for personal use at home. Examples of eligible programs include: membership in a gym or fitness center; participation in a healthy lifestyle program such as weight loss, quitting smoking, or exercise classes. The City coordinates weekly, lunchtime Pilates class, reinforces healthy behaviors by weekly emails on varied wellness topics such as back problems and breast cancer awareness. Host lunchtime classes on various topics including how to work out at your desk, how to stretch, learn about warning signs for strokes, cooking and exercise demonstration and much more. The City continues to support workplace wellness. We recently collaborated with the new Gold's Gym that opened in Riverdale Park. They offer a corporate membership with low priced memberships for our employees and families. In addition the City will refund \$10.00 per month if the employee attends the gym at least 5 times per month. Our lunch seminars varies from 15 – 35 people. It depends largely on where they are held and also the topic of discussion. Our Health and Wellness fair this year had approximately 75 employees in attendance. We are fortunate to have 15 people join the Gold's Gym in Riverdale, but many other employees belong to their own gyms in their neighborhoods. Employees who participate in the reimbursement every year varies but we can have up to 25 submit for the \$75 reimbursement. As for Pilates, we started with at least 10 joining us and now we have a steady 6 that participate each session. We have a written policy banning smoking in our building, cars and at least 25 feet from the buildings. We provide information on smoking cessation through our health insurance with low or no cost to our employees. We have also received two Wellness at Work awards from Maryland's Healthiest Business. It demonstrates that we value and are interested in our employees

health and wellness. Both physical and mental state.

-  [Employee Wellness Policy](#)
-  [Wellness Emails and programs](#)
-  [Wellness Reimbursement Form](#)
-  [2018 Wellness Seminars spreadsheet](#)

Local Economies

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Local Economies

25 Points

Program Summary:

COMPOST AND WOOD MULCH: The City has a year-round Smartleaf yard waste collection service that collects 1,500 tons of vegetation that would otherwise end up in a landfill. Combined with the 1,500 to 2,000 tons of leaves tipped by surrounding communities, the City produces valuable compost for citizens to purchase and use in their landscapes. More information is available on the Smartleaf webpage: <https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/compost>. Last year we had two opportunities for residents to get free Smartleaf compost during our clean-up Saturdays in October. We gave away 18 cubic yards on 10/6/18, and 18 cubic yards on 10/20/18. In addition, the City collects brush, logs and branches curbside and processes them on-site into wood mulch. By collecting both these products and processing them on-site we reduce our impact on the environment by not driving 1.5 - 2 hours to the Counties composting facility at 6601 S.E. Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, MD. We sell the wood mulch to residents for \$12.00 a cubic yard. YARD WASTE CARTS: We recognized that some residents wanted a cart for yard waste, but there wasn't buy in from all the residents to justify a city-wide yard waste cart program. The compromise was to subsidize the program. In 2017 the City started out using a 65-gallon beige yard waste cart that residents could purchase for a \$25.00 fee and the City subsidized. The City pays approximately \$50 per cart. By using this cart, residents are making a commitment to change from single use yard waste bags to a reusable container. Using the new cart will enable residents to collect their soft yard waste (leaves, grass and soft clippings) and put them at the curb for a weekly collection. In addition, they can use the same cart for woody yard waste (brush, logs, branches) collections by making an appointment for a Thursday or Friday collection. We have found this has helped our residents in many ways. The paper yard waste bags can rip or fall apart when they get wet. The bags can also be heavy, so this reduces the risk of injuries to both residents and our employees collecting them. In 2019 we changed the size of the carts we purchase (from 65-gallon to 95-gallon). In total we have sold 558 carts of varying size. The carts are budgeted in the leaf and grass collection program. FOOD SCRAPS In April 2017 the City rolled out a program allowing residents to purchase a Backyard Compost Bin for

\$20, providing an affordable way for residents to compost in their own backyard. To date, 165 residents have purchased these bins and are diverting their food waste from the landfill. Knowing that more needed to be done, we engaged with a University of Maryland Student Group, which was tasked with selecting potential solutions to the food waste recycling issue. The students looked at three different ways the City could embark on this. 1. Continue the Backyard Composting. 2. Initiate a Food Scrap Drop Off Program. 3. Start a Curbside Food Scrap Program. The students research found that the backyard composting program was both economical and sustainable but that much more could be captured if we initiated one of the other programs. Therefore, on April 1, 2019 we rolled out a food scrap drop-off program at Public Works along with 2 additional locations that are open seasonally (May-November) at the City's two Farmers Markets. To encourage participation, we mailed postcards to all households in the City and advertised a free giveaway of a 5-gallon bucket to the first 50 participants. We gave away all the buckets in one week and ordered another 100 to help roll out the Farmers Market program. Since April 1, 2019, the program has diverted 3 tons of food scraps! The City budget for this program was \$15,000. Initially we had to purchase signs, compostable bags, sandwich board with large sign, mailing and printing of postcards, labels, bus stop advertisement, buckets and lids, bag dispenser, hand sanitizer dispenser and product, and collection fees. (CMON) There is a push to get a local (northern Prince George's County) composting location. Several municipalities and some local environmentally responsible residents joined together to form Composting Municipalities Organizing Now (CMON). The group met many times and discussed several locations of interest. A particular property in Beltsville, owned by UDC seemed like an ideal location. The group wrote a proposal entitled "A Community-Scale Composting Proposal to develop, coordinate, and operate a multi-jurisdictional community composting collection and processing program in Northern Prince George's County at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) Beltsville Farm." Unfortunately the proposal was not accepted. The group has also looked at PEPCO right-of-ways, and more recently aerobic digesters. The group is still actively looking for a solution.

 [Smartleaf Flier](#)

 [Diamondback article regarding yard waste carts](#)

 [Compost](#)

 [Presentation, Postcard, User Guide, Press Release for food scrap pilot](#)

 [CMON Proposal UDC](#)

 [Food scrap signage proof for label, signs and sandwich boards](#)

Buy Local Campaign

**Buy Local
Campaign**

15 Points

Program Summary:

The City participates in the Small Business Saturday event in November, distributing reusable bags and flyers. Activities are coordinated by the City's Economic Development Coordinator. There were 24 businesses participating last year. The City has a general marketing budget that is used for this event to pay for online advertising. I have attached a copy of the flyer that was distributed at participating businesses. Please see these links for examples of advertising for the event: <http://shopcollegepark.org/events/small-business-saturday/> This past year, City Staff applied to be a Neighborhood Champion on behalf of our Downtown Merchant Authority. Attached are pages from our website promoting the local business, and a photo of the giveaway bags, named Small Business Saturday Picture. The Mayor and Council's proclamation in support of Small Business Saturday was signed on November 13, 2018. Council packet and proclamation is attached.

 [Small Business Saturday and small local businesses advertised on web](#)

 [Color Poster](#)

 [Small Business Saturday Picture of materials](#)

 [Shop College Park Bags](#)

 [Council Packet and SBS Proclamation](#)

 [Small Business Saturday Map](#)

Establish Local Business Directory

10 Points

Program Summary:

In 2008, the City established a destination website for all retail and service businesses in College Park. The website, Shop College Park, (www.shopcollegepark.org) was paid for in its entirety by the City and serves as an online local business directory. Each business is given its own page on the website and the original information, including many photos, was compiled by City staff, primarily from the Planning Department. Updates are handled by the City's Economic Development Coordinator. The website features news on Dining, Shopping, Services, Lodging, Attractions, Transportation, Events, all of which can be sorted by Districts.

 [Business Beat](#)

 [April Business Beat](#)

 [Shop college park businesses](#)

 [shop college park](#)

Local Business Roundtable

5 Points

Program Summary:

There are a handful of business organizations in College Park. The Downtown College Park Merchant Authority has regular meetings consisting primarily of the local business owners operating in our Downtown. The officers of DCPMA are currently: Anna Lee, President (owner of a local Adidas store) Lauren Filocco, Vice President (owner of a local Barre studio) John Brown, Treasurer (owner of local restaurant) The Economic Development Planner operates as a staff liaison for the group. There was a Downtown College Park Merchant Authority (DCPMA) meeting on June 18th. This meeting was hosted in City Hall. There was another DCPMA meeting on February 27th which was held at a local burrito business. There was a DCPMA event on November 29th at the local bagel establishment. Meetings are advertised via the DCPMA email list which is updated as new businesses are established.)

 [Local Business Roundtable Documentation](#)

 [Agenda for DCPMA](#)

Green Business Recognition

Join Maryland Green Registry

5 Points

Program Summary:

The City has been a member of the Maryland Green Registry since March 2011.

 [Maryland Green Registry](#)

 [Join Maryland Green Registry Documentation](#)

Natural Resources

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Natural Resources

20 Points

Program Summary:

STORMWATER project at Public Works This is a Prince George's County Stormwater project that was constructed in 2018 to treat storm water run-off from 51st Avenue and the Department of Public Works parking lot, because there are no storm inlets on 51st Avenue around our facility. It is maintained quarterly by the County, but the City maintains mowing and clean-up of any floatables. Address: 9219 51st Avenue. Constructed: 2018. Device type: Sand filter. BMP Id no: PG16POI101110. Constructed by the Clean Water Partnership.

Treated area: 1.33 acres BIORETENTION College Park - BMP Installation: Renovations at Duvall Field, the City's primary recreational facility, included bioretention features. Duvall Field is the home of the College Park Boys and Girls Club, and has seen countless games of youth soccer, football and lacrosse played on its fields. It is also a great community space as events like National Night Out and Night at the Movies have been held there. As part of the first phase of renovation of the Duvall Field facilities, the old concession stand was torn down and a brand new beautiful concession building was erected in its place. The plaza has also been upgraded with tons of added seating areas as well as state-of-the-art storm water management and bio-retention features. The project has been supported by the State and our State legislative delegation with Program Open Space and Bond Bill Funds; it would have been difficult for the City to have moved this project forward. MICRO BIORETENTION City of College Park, Maryland, installs two micro-bioretention areas to treat stormwater runoff along Narragansett Parkway. Currently, the stormwater runoff from the neighborhoods and surrounding streets along Narragansett Parkway and Muskogee Street in the City of College Park are collected in inlets along the curbs and at intersections. The stormwater runoff flows directly into the rock-lined channel in the middle of Narragansett Parkway until it reaches Indian Creek. In order to treat the stormwater runoff and remove pollutants, the City installed two micro-bioretention areas totaling 316 square feet at Narragansett Parkway and Muskogee Street, next to a local park. This project was funded in part by the Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program, a partnership between the Trust and the County, which aims to improve water quality in the County's waterways, improve communities, and engage County residents in the issues associated with stormwater runoff pollution.

 [DPW Stormwater project](#)

 [Duvall Concept Plan](#)

 [Narragansett Parkway Micro-bioretention](#)

 [Duvall Article](#)

 [PG County NPDES Supplemental Report](#)





Tree City USA

15 Points

Program Summary:

The City is recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a member of the Tree City USA program. The City also has a Tree and Landscape Board. We have celebrated Arbor Day in the City for 30 consecutive years. The Tree and Landscape Board is in the process of writing a Tree Care Ordinance to present to Mayor and Council.

 [Arbor Day Proclamation 2019](#)

-  [Arbor Day 2019 Program](#)
-  [Tree and Landscape Board Agend April 2019](#)
-  [Tree and Landscape Board April Minutes 2019](#)
-  [2019 Arbor Day Letter](#)





Pet Waste

Adopt a Pet Waste Ordinance

5 Points

Program Summary:

The City has maintained an Animal Waste ordinance since 1991 that subjects pet owners to penalties for allowing solid waste to remain in public spaces. The City also has many dog waste stations located throughout the City. This allows pet owners to dispose of their pet waste by providing convenient access to dog waste bags and trash cans.

-  [Animal Waste Code](#)
-  [Animal Waste Ordinance](#)
-  [Dog waste stations](#)
-  [Dog Waste Station Map](#)

Planning & Land Use

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Planning & Land Use

25 Points

Program Summary:

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY The City Council approved a Complete Streets Policy in early 2016. Adopting a complete and green streets policy to implement a comprehensive network of multi-modal roadways was identified as a goal in the City's 2015-2020 Strategic Plan. The City received a Transportation Land Use Connections technical assistance grant from the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments in 2015 for preparation of a Complete and Green Streets Policy and Implementation Plan Report. Prior to that, City priorities have included attractive streetscapes and convenient transportation systems serving all users, as well as a sustainable built environment and stewardship of our natural resources. Our Complete and Green Streets Policy incorporated these City goals while following professional best practice guidance. It included recommended policy elements from the American Planning Association, Change Lab and Smart Growth America. The draft policy was refined over the course of 2015 by the Planning Director, the Community Development Coordinator, the City Engineer and the Assistant City Manager to reflect the unique

community context and needs of the residents and visitors to the City of College Park. For example, the policy recognizes that the City's older neighborhood streets are often constrained by limited rights-of-way, topography and tree canopy. Going forward, the policy will complement our ongoing sustainability efforts by minimizing the environmental impact of our roadways and promoting safe access for everyone, no matter their age or ability. Since 2015, the City has developed a Complete & Green Streets Prioritization matrix to guide the implementation of the Complete Streets policy. This matrix assessed conditions of streets across City neighborhoods to determine which streets should be redesigned first. This assessment also included the identification of connectivity routes that will have the maximum impact on the City's transportation network. The Prioritization Matrix and Connectivity Map were developed by staff and no extra cost. The Complete Streets workgroup comprised of the Planning Director, Community Development Coordinator, City Engineer and the Assistant City Manager. These products built on public input received through the 2015 grant-funded Complete and Green Streets Policy and Implementation Plan project. Staff gave a public presentation of these documents at an October 2018 City Council meeting (materials are attached, and they are on our website located at:

https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_10162018-616.) In 2019, the City was awarded a Planning Assistance to Municipalities and Communities Grant to accelerate implementation of the Complete & Green Streets Policy through the development of a five-year Complete Streets Capital Improvement Program. Supplemental sidewalk projects completed in 2019 were located on Quebec Street, Pontiac Street, continuation of sidewalk on Berwyn Road at the intersection of Potomac Ave, and the east side of Potomac Avenue where it intersects with Berwyn. At present there is a sidewalk project in the planning stage to for Beechwood Rd. In addition, there is a sidewalk project in the conceptual stage for St. Andrews Place and DePauw Place. The next steps will be community meetings.

HOLLYWOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT STREETScape Hollywood Commercial District Streetscape Design and implementation. Location: Rhode Island Avenue between Muskogee Street and Niagara Road. Design and engineering contract awarded to Wallace Montgomery on November 20, 2018. About the Project: In 2015, a consultant study was conducted to look at opportunities for public improvements within the Hollywood Commercial District to create a more vibrant area. Working with the community, several recommendations were made for improving pedestrian and bicycle access, creating safer intersections and enhancing landscaping and placemaking. This was followed up with a more in-depth study of proposed improvements. Project elements included in the 30% design effort include conversion of service roads to parklets, gateway plazas, a wellness circuit, protected bike lanes, widened sidewalks, landscaping and traffic calming. Final project elements and cost estimates will be determined during the 100% design phase. Funding: Anticipated Total Project Cost: \$1,476,632. Design & Engineering contract cost: \$275,020. Funding is provided from Capital Project reserves and State Bond Bills. Estimated Completion Date 2020 - 2021

 [Complete Streets Policy](#)







-  [Complete and Green Streets Report](#)
-  [Complete Streets Prioritization Matrix](#)
-  [Map of Connectivity Routes](#)
-  [Agenda Item on Complete Streets October 16, 2018](#)
-  [Hollywood Streetscape Design](#)

Participation in DHCD Sustainable Communities

20 Points

Program Summary:

The City was designated a Sustainable Community in 2012 after 11 years of Community Legacy designation. Our designation was renewed again in 2017. The Sustainable Community plan was built on existing plans, including a citywide strategic plan, comprehensive plan, economic development plan, housing plan, and various small sector plans. The entire City of College Park was designated as a sustainable community to reflect citywide goals for revitalization and redevelopment. Furthermore, from the point of view that the greenest building is the one already built, recent Community Legacy/Sustainable Community-funded projects have included façade improvement grants to incentivize City businesses owners to make property and streetscape-enhancing investments. Two recently completed projects through the DHCD Sustainable Communities Program are accelerating the City's progress towards sustainable redevelopment. The first is a collaborative effort between the City and the University of Maryland to redevelop a formerly vacant school building on Calvert Road into a daycare facility that will serve University employees and City residents and attract more families to settle in the community. The second recent project was the acquisition of blighted commercial retail properties along Baltimore Avenue. These properties will be assembled with the current City Hall site to redevelop the entire block into a mixed-use retail and office space with a large plaza to foster civic engagement and re-activate the downtown area.

-  [Designation Application 1](#)
-  [Designation Application 2](#)
-  [DHCD Approval Letter](#)
-  [Calvert Road School Community Legacy Project](#)
-  [Approved DHCD MD Sust Comm Application 2017](#)
-  [City of College Park DHCD Sust Comm Mapper](#)