

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

City of Annapolis



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Local Government
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Management and Leadership

✓ Environmental Team

The Annapolis Environmental Commission (AEC) is composed of nine residents who have a demonstrated sincere interest in protection and improvement of the environment. The AEC serves as the Green Team for the City of Annapolis with Maria Broadbent, Director of Environmental Policy, as the City liaison to the Commission. The term of each member is for three years. Each member is appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Aldermen.

The AEC is concerned with the protection and improvement of the natural health and welfare of the environment, the land, waters, noise, and air of the City and environs, and the recycling or the reuse of solid wastes. The Commission shall study the pollution of the land, air and waters and make recommendations to the Mayor, City Council and others, and educating the public concerning their relations to the problems and their relation to the solutions.

Meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at 145 Gorman Street, third floor conference room.

☑ Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

GreenScape is a City and community partnership investment of beautification, clean-up, and planting in public spaces throughout the City of Annapolis. GreenScape is a volunteer effort that encourages and supports individuals and organizations to plant and maintain native gardens in public areas throughout the City of Annapolis. Volunteers clean up and plant flower

and vegetable gardens in public spaces throughout the City. The City provides plant materials, mulch, trash bags and gloves; the community provides volunteers who want to make a difference in Annapolis. GreenScape was founded through the efforts of former Mayor Ellen Moyer and the Annapolis Recreation and Parks Advisory Board. For more than 20 years, hundreds of projects have been initiated and adopted by individuals, community groups and neighborhood associations. GreenScape takes place each spring and fall. In the past 10 years GreenScape volunteers have planted more than 15,000 perennials plus 1,500 trees and shrubs.

The most recent GreenScape event was held on Friday, April 21, 2017. There were approximately 57 projects represented that received plant materials.

The Shiley Park Dedication was held during the 2016 GreenScape. More than 50 people joined City representatives as we welcomed the first street-end park to become established in 10 years. Held on Saturday, April 23, 2016, the event included local individuals: Alderman Fred Paone of Ward Two presented the proclamation and Former Mayor Ellen Moyer thanked the community for 25 years of GreenScape dedication.

<u>Waste</u>

✓ Recycling

The City recycles paper, cardboard, cans, and bottles at City facilities and office buildings.

Energy

☑ Energy Efficiency

In an effort to move toward being more energy efficient, the City of Annapolis hired Honeywell Building Solutions (Honeywell) in 2016 to conduct an Energy Savings Audit and to provide the engineering and economic basis to help determine the best path forward in the implementation of an Energy Performance Contract, which is the vehicle to self-fund improvements through energy, water and operational savings.

✓ Renewable Energy

On August 3, 2015, Annapolis Mayor Michael Pantelides, Annapolis City Alderpersons, Energy Park Project Manager, and representatives from Annapolis Solar Park, LLC gathered at City Hall as the 20-year Annapolis Renewable Energy Park lease was signed. This action begins the process of developing the 16.8

megawatt solar photovoltaic project, converting sunlight into direct current electricity, on approximately 80 acres of closed landfill. Also, by converting the closed Annapolis Landfill to a solar energy park, the city is supporting the production of carbon-neutral energy, which will offset the equivalent amount of carbon that is captured by 12,334 acres of U.S. forests in one year. This project will be the largest solar project identified by the Environmental Protection Agency exclusively installed on a closed landfill when done. The bill to create solar energy power purchase agreements was passed on March 6, 2017, clearing the way for the county to purchase energy output from the solar facilities owned and operated by Annapolis Solar Park, LLC.

<u>Water</u>

Stormwater Management and Site Design

To encourage environmentally sound and effective stormwater management practices, the Director of the Department of Public Works may authorize a reduction in the stormwater utility fee not to exceed fifty percent in accordance with a duly established policy setting forth which stormwater management facilities shall qualify for a reduction of the stormwater utility fee and how such reductions shall be calculated.

Other

✓ Sustainable Maryland Certified

Sustainable Maryland Certified is an initiative of the Environmental Finance Center designed to support Maryland's municipalities as they look for cost-effective and strategic ways to protect their natural assets and revitalize their communities. Using best practices in resource areas like water, energy, planning, health, food, and economy, a municipality can earn points toward sustainability certification. The City of Annapolis first certified in 2013 and then re-certified in 2016.



