Sustainable Maryland
A Greenprint For Communities

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University of Maryland (UMD)

State of Maryland’s flagship Land Grant Institution dedicated to sharing its research, educational, cultural, and technological strengths with the Maryland citizenry.

Maryland’s School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation

Maryland’s Built Environment School, including programs in Architecture, Planning, Preservation, and Real Estate Development, is dedicated to education, scholarship and practice towards just and sustainable communities.

Environmental Finance Center (EFC)

An extension arm of School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation that empowers communities to achieve healthy, just and resilient futures with expertise in finance, policy and planning, and community engagement.

EFC is the School’s conduit to delivering: faculty service that supports local initiatives; applied academic course work that investigates local challenges; research findings that inform local decision making; and, student projects that expand local capacity.

Sustainable Maryland (SM)

EFC’s flagship outreach education and certification program designed to help Maryland communities pursue a sustainable future.

Supporting communities by providing a comprehensive suite of policies, resources, direct support, and incentives designed to help advance a broad range of sustainability goals.
Key Program Partners

THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

CBTRUST
Chesapeake Bay Trust
What We Do

• SM is the nexus of a non-partisan statewide sustainability network in Maryland

• SM is the trusted source of information for Green Teams and municipal staff for sustainability programs and projects

• SM is the “sustainability extension” of UMD, the state’s land grant university

• SM is working every day to connect you with your peers, provide you with technical support, and recognize and celebrate your remarkable achievements!
Requirements

- **Resolution** indicating municipality intends to pursue SM certification

- **2 Mandatory Actions**
  - Create a **Green Team**
  - Create an **Action Plan**

- **2 of 6 Priority Actions**
  - Community Garden
  - Municipal Energy Audit
  - Green Purchasing Policy
  - Municipal Carbon Footprint
  - Watershed Plan
  - Stormwater Management

- Total of **150 points** to receive bronze-level certification
Some of the MD Municipalities Participating in Sustainable Maryland
Program Update

- Launched in 2011
- 76 communities registered (48% of 157 MD municipalities)
- 38 communities certified to date
- 14 re-certifications plus 3 new communities in 2019
- Expecting 13 re-certs in 2020
- Facebook page - Like Us!
- Website - Events & Grants
2011-2020

- Created and trained more than **50 Green Teams** in municipalities across the state, from Garrett County to Ocean City.

- Directly engaged **50% of the state’s 157 municipalities**, across 20 counties.

- Designated **25% of the state’s municipalities as “Sustainable Maryland Certified”**

- Certified and cataloged **over 900 individual sustainability actions** taken by SM- Certified communities.
By the Numbers

- Provided training and education opportunities that have collectively engaged more than 1,400 elected officials, local government staff, and community members at:
  - 70+ Green Team Trainings
  - 10 County-wide Green Team Summits
  - 18 Regional Leadership Trainings in Western Maryland, Central Maryland, and the Eastern Shore
2020 and Beyond...

• Recruiting New Members for Our Executive Committee - Join Us!

• Sign Letter of Support for SM Bill in Legislature this Month

• New SM Actions / Certification Level coming this spring!

• SM’s 10th Anniversary in 2021!
SB 0737 - Sustainable Maryland Program Fund – Establishment

WHAT DOES IT DO?
• SB0737 Dedicates Funding for:
  • Community-based projects
  • Technical assistance
  • Education and training
  • Municipal sustainability network

State recognition for local efforts!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?
• Sign on to the municipal Letter of Support
• Encourage Green Team members to draft a Letters of Support
• Talk to your local delegates about your experience with SM
• Talk to your neighboring municipalities about SM and the importance of having dedicated community resources
• Join the SM Executive Committee to help amplify local efforts

Hearing Date: February 26th!
Moving Maryland Forward

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