



Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

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.

Annapolis Green



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Nonprofit
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Management and Leadership

Environmental Policy Statement

Annapolis Green's mission is to connect, inform, and inspire Annapolis residents, organizations, and businesses to care for the environment, live more responsibly and create a more beautiful and thriving community.

Annapolis Green offers connections:

- *In person (Green Drinks, film nights, Green Community Center "Green House")*
- *Online (website, email list, social media)*
- *On air (Radio show, soon to be podcast)*
- *In action (Green REF, Keep America Beautiful beautification & litter prevention initiatives)*

Our commitment to the environment is evident through our programing, including Green Drinks Annapolis, our monthly networking events that attract over 150 guests; the over 3,500 on our email newsletter list and over 1100 Twitter followers; our weekly radio program, "Living Green in Annapolis," Wednesdays at 6pm on WNAV 1430AM/99.9FM; our Responsible Events & Festivals program (The Green REF) and our office/Green Community Resource Center - the "Annapolis Green House." A few examples include:

- *Making our Monthly Green Drinks Events as Green as Possible and holding these events largely at Annapolis Environmental Stewards or Maryland*

Green Travel Partner sites, offering sustainable, locally sourced food and beverages.

- *Conserving our resources. We took the “No Water Bottle Pledge” personally as well as for our events.*
- *Influencing, educating and providing zero waste resources, marketing/communications and volunteers to over 25 events a year through our “Responsible Events & Festivals ... Make the Right Call” (The Green REF) program.*
- *Highlighting sustainability resources, efforts and activities throughout the community on our website, email blasts, radio program and at the Annapolis Green House.*

Environmental Team

Lynne Forsman and Elvia Thompson (co-founders of Annapolis Green), our Annapolis Green Board, as well as our Green Drinks Advisory Group of six, comprise our team. This is a collective effort to lead by example in our communication, events and daily lives.

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

The service Green Drinks Annapolis provides is a monthly eco-friendly networking event. Approximately 150 attendees experience and learn from our events since we highlight the importance of locally sourced appetizers; organic/local wines and beers; reusable, compostable, or recyclable service ware; and event composting and recycling. We demonstrate that group gatherings can have a reduced environmental impact.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

Green Drinks Annapolis selects sites/restaurants that are participants/partners of the Sustainable Annapolis Environmental Stewards, Maryland Green Registry and Maryland Green Travel programs. And if they don't participate in these initiatives, we help and encourage them to do so. We request that our hosts offer local, organic appetizers, beer, and wine. We request they use china/linen or compostable or recycled content disposables.

We also offer compostables for sale to event organizers and couple the products with educational materials to help events go zero waste.

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

Our website, www.annapolisgreen.com, has an extensive calendar of Green events and a call-out for volunteers and participants – the most comprehensive Green event listing in the area. We support the following programs, not only on our website, but in our email blasts to over 3,500 subscribers:

- *Keep Annapolis Beautiful – Annapolis Green is the second state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful
 - *Via a Snapple/Dr. Pepper Grant, Annapolis Green Donated 22 Recycling Receptacles to the City of Annapolis for its parks**
- *Sustainable Annapolis – many Green Drinks gatherings have served as the forum for Environmental Steward certification award presentations*
- *Maryland Green Travel*
- *Maryland Green Registry*
- *Four Rivers Heritage*
- *Commercial Recycling Advisory Committee/Anne Arundel County*
- *Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards Academy*
- *Annapolis Maritime Museum*
- *Spa Creek Conservancy*
- *Back Creek Conservancy*
- *Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis*
- *Annapolis & Anne Arundel County Convention and Visitors Bureau*
- *Livability Project*

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

We've taken the pledge to Think Outside the Bottle and take back the tap. At our events, which include approximately 2,200 people per year, we offer pitchers of water or water by request rather than bottled water.

Recycling

At each month's Green Drinks Annapolis event, we include recycling to be carried out by host site or by our volunteers.

Our Holiday season in 2017 showcased the Annapolis Green House as a Wrap Responsibly Station – using all reused materials (such as architects' blueprints) for wrapping gifts. We also collected holiday lights – nonworking and

incandescents, and encouraged the use LEDs in a partnership with MOM's Organic Markets.

Annapolis Green has also partnered with ReCork and we collect and send natural corks to this recycler. The cork is repurposed into shoes, flooring and more. We have shipped 396 pounds of wine corks thus far. That totals approximately 43,560 corks! We have placed ReCork collection receptacles in various locations in Annapolis including St. Anne's Church and Eastport Yacht Club.

Composting

Annapolis Green promotes and offers composting through the Responsible Events and Festivals program. Partnering with Veteran Compost, we have helped numerous events and festivals achieve zero waste.

Our signature event is the Annapolis Rotary Crabfeast. With a crowd of close to 2,500 at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, we composted 13 tons of material at the 2016 event.

Christmas Crab Compost – December 2016, we sold compost that was created from the 13 tons composted at the Annapolis Rotary Crabfeast, taking the opportunity to message "From the Bay to the Garden."

Energy

Energy Efficiency

The Annapolis Green house is a part of a house constructed circa 1900. Since we moved in (as only renters) we have put in a programmable thermostat, LED lighting, and have equipped our very leaky old windows with Super Green Solutions' "Indow"s to act as an indoor, flexible fitting storm window that increases the windows' R-value tremendously.

Transportation

Employee Commute

Our effort consists of carpooling whenever possible, especially in Elvia's all-electric SUV.

Water

Stormwater Management and Site Design

We have replanted our office garden with natives and pollinator-friendly plants in a design that will help with reduce stormwater run-off. Our rain barrel will be soon be attached and a new brick walkway of made of pervious EP Henry Eco Pavers will soon be installed.

Other

2015 Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber Green Business of the Year Award Winner

2015 affiliation with Keep America Beautiful – the second affiliate and only non-governmental affiliate in Maryland.

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Help build a greener, more sustainable Maryland through voluntary practices that reduce environmental impacts and save money.

Learn more at www.green.maryland.gov/registry

