

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.

# **Town of Berwyn Heights**



5700 Berwyn Road Berwyn Heights, MD 20740 Local Government *Member since February 2025* 

#### **Management and Leadership**

**☑** Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING POLICY

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This policy is intended to provide the guidance, requirements and procedures necessary for the conduct of purchasing activities for the Town of Berwyn Heights. The policy is designed to:

- a) Encourage maximum competition through fair and equal opportunity to those qualified and interested bidders;
- b) Provide a uniform procedure for the procurement of material, equipment, supplies, and services;
- c) Ensure that the taxpayers are getting the "best overall value" for their dollars;
- d) Promote transparency by requiring additional reporting to the Mayor, Council and the public;
- e) Foster green purchasing that considers materials (including energy and water to
- manufacture products), production, packaging/distribution, and distance of transport; and
- f) Ensure the purchase of recycled and other environmentally preferable products whenever practicable.

# **☑** Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

The Town of Berwyn Heights has a tree rebate program, to promote the planting of trees on private property. The Berwyn Heights Green Team has worked with the staff of Berwyn Heights Elementary School to revitalize the school garden and on campus

composting. The BHGT also has hosted a number of events for local habitat restoration, such as Garlic Mustard removal in the wooded areas around Indian Creek.

#### **Waste**

## **✓** Recycling

November 2024 Trash & Recycling Statistics					
	Tons	Price/ton	Revenue	Expense	Percent
Mixed Solid Waste	86.8	\$ 70.00		\$ 6,072.50	24.2%
Recycling	21.7	\$ 27.00		\$ 586.44	6.1%
Yard Waste/Food Compost	21.3	\$ 25.00		\$ 531.75	5.9%
Scrap Metal	0.5		\$ 44.09		0.1%
Bulk Leaf Collection	227.5	\$ 25.00		\$ 5,687.50	63.6%
TOTALS	357.8		\$ 44.09	\$ 12,878.19	36.4%

### **✓** Composting

See above

### **Transportation**

#### **Efficient Fleet Vehicles**

The Berwyn Heights Police Department has one of the few all electric police vehicles in the State of Maryland. They brought a 2021 Ford Mustang Mach E as part of the fleet in September 2021.

They also have two 2020 Ford Explorer Interceptor Hybrids, which joined the fleet in August 2020.

Berwyn Heights Code Compliance has a plug in hybrid, a 2019 Ford Fusion Titanium.

#### **Environmental Certification Programs, Awards and Other Activities**

Berwyn Heights is both a Maryland Sustainable Community (DHCD) and a Certified Bronze under Sustainable Maryland. We are also a Bee City USA (2 years) and Tree City USA (27 years) community.



