



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.

Town of Riverdale Park



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Municipality
Member since May 2014

Management and Leadership

Environmental Team

We have a Green Team (Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee) that meets monthly and is currently preparing to file to renew its certification as a [Sustainable Maryland Certified](#) town. The Green Team works with the Town on project-specific sustainability initiatives.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

*The Town Council passed a resolution regarding Sustainable Purchasing. The legislation can be found here:
<http://riverdaleparkmd.info/Resolution%202014-R-07.signed.pdf>*

To implement the resolution, the Town of Riverdale Park staff has been purchasing items from Quill (its office supply provider) called Sustainable Earth products as the budget will allow. Staff is currently working to find a recycled option for our copy paper that is of comparable costs.

Staff has also been working to limit the purchase of disposable items for staff consumption by requesting that team members provide their own reusable drinking glasses and coffee mugs. In addition, the town purchased glasses from Riversdale Historical Society for use during council meetings.

Moreover, the Town recently signed a lease with Xerox for new copy machines, which will also be used as a central printer for Town offices. These

new copy machines are energy efficient and will reduce the amount of waste (ink, cartridges, etc.) through a reduction in the use of desktop printers.

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

The Town of Riverdale Park participates in Arbor Day as well as tree planting efforts throughout the year. The Town has been a Tree City USA in prior years and are well situated to achieve the Tree City USA Certification in 2018.

The Town and the RP Sustainability Committee organized an Earth Day Cleanup with the Anacostia Watershed Society on April 22, 2017. The effort of 50 volunteers led to the collection of 50 bags of trash and 57 bags of recyclables, as well as two bicycle frames and parts, suitcases, a foosball table, and other assorted bulk trash around the Anacostia River.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

The Town continues to look for ways to reduce overall energy consumption. The Police Department and Department of Public Works have installed LED lights and Town Hall will be installing a white roof.

Other

Following a negotiation with the Town of Riverdale Park regarding the terms of development, many aspects of the Cafritz/Whole Foods development project are now finished and open for business. Although much of the project is still under development, the area surrounding the new Whole Foods exhibits permeable pavement, electric car charging stations, and a bicycle repair station.

The Maryland Department of Transportation agreed to provide a \$35,000 grant to the Town of Riverdale Park, while the Town agreed to match a portion of that amount with its own funds and staff service hours, to implement shared roadway markings and bicycle racks on routes linking the Anacostia Tributary Trail system, the Rhode Island Trolley Trail, Route 1 and Kenilworth Avenue with local businesses and destinations in Riverdale Park.

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