



# SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND

*Celebrating 10 years of helping our communities build a sustainable future*

For over a decade, Sustainable Maryland (SM) has empowered Maryland municipalities to prepare today to build a better tomorrow through cost effective, smart, sustainable solutions. Established in 2011, SM is a collaborative effort between the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland and the Maryland Municipal League.



SM supports participating jurisdictions in advancing a broad range of sustainability goals through a unique framework, which includes:



## BENCHMARKING



## POLICIES



## RESOURCES



## DIRECT SUPPORT



## INCENTIVES

## SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND'S MISSION IS TO ENHANCE LIVABILITY FOR ALL MARYLANDERS BY:

- ✓ **Helping Maryland municipalities strategize their greening efforts;** improve access to program tools, trainings, and other resources to complete their chosen actions; and gain recognition for their accomplishments.
- ✓ **Supporting the mission and priorities of Maryland state agencies** by coordinating access to the full suite of state programs and resources that can support communities to enhance and expand local economies, infrastructure, and stewardship.
- ✓ **Developing the next generation of leaders** by offering students paid and volunteer opportunities to apply their knowledge, research, and skills to real-world local issues.

*To date, the program has been entirely soft-funded and offered at no cost to communities.*

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## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### COLLECTIVE IMPACT

**54%** of Maryland municipalities participating

**30%** of the state's municipalities have received "Sustainable Maryland Certified" designation

More than **2,200** individual sustainability actions completed

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Created **6 composting programs** across the state, keeping thousands of pounds of food waste out of landfills

Installed more than **170 pet waste stations in 17 municipalities** across Prince George's County, which have collectively **kept 30,000 pounds of pet waste out of the Bay**

Certified **16 municipal stormwater management programs**, supporting local Watershed Implementation Plans (WIP) and the targeting of investments with the greatest potential for meaningful water quality improvements

Assisted **19 communities in implementing watershed stewardship programming** for residents

Helped identify and secure funding for the **first all-electric Chevy Bolt police vehicle** in the United States

### EMPOWERING CHANGE

Created and trained more than **60 Maryland-based Green Teams** in municipalities across the state

Collectively **engaged more than 1,400 elected officials**, local government staff, and community members at:

**70+** Green Team Trainings

**12** County-wide Green Team Summits

**18** Leadership Trainings held across the state in **Western Maryland, Central Maryland, and the Eastern Shore**

Created the capacity to **help implement priorities with 76 Chesapeake Bay-based Green Teams** from across the watershed

### Case Study

#### Town of Berwyn Heights



Sustainable Maryland has worked with the Town of Berwyn Heights for several years, after the town first received its Sustainable Maryland certification in 2014. Berwyn Heights' recent accomplishments include creating a municipal carbon footprint; appointing a Walkable/Bikeable Task Force; and launching a Summer Green Champions Program to engage students in environmental education.



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