

# Sustainable Maryland Green Team Training A Greenprint for Communities



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# ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE CENTER

## **Sustainable Maryland**

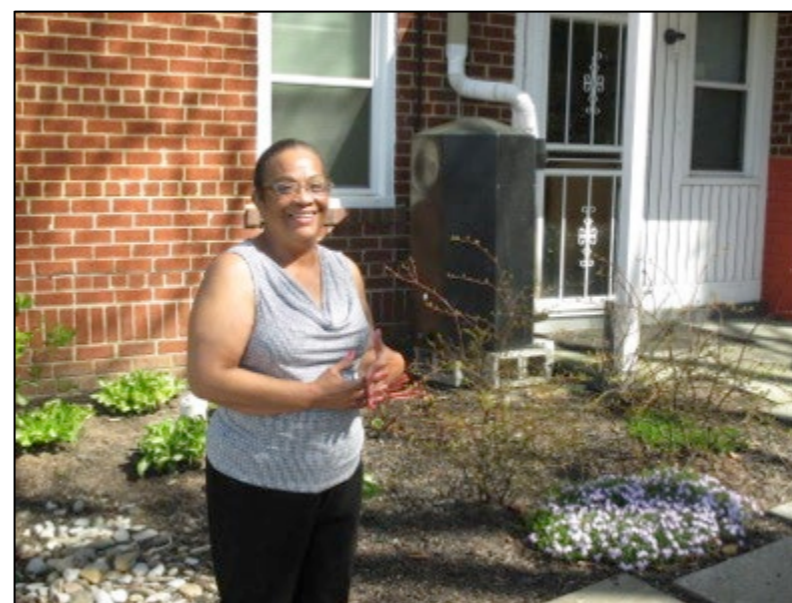
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Modeled on the successful **Sustainable Jersey** program.

Certification is currently only for municipalities.

# Mission

- **A Free and Voluntary program for municipalities that want to go green and save green!**
- **We help municipalities:**
  - Choose a direction for their sustainability efforts
  - Improve access to resources
  - Measure their progress
  - Share success with other municipalities





# Program Partners/Funders



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# Program Benefits

- **Technical assistance:** SM staff, UMD, state, non-profits
- **UMD:** Student/Faculty resources
- **Trainings:** Green Teams/Local Leaders/Regional Summits
- **Leadership network:** elected officials, town managers, DPW, Green Team Chairs
- **Community modeling:** sharing ideas across the state
- **Certification:** statewide recognition and a way to measure your town's progress



# Program Update

- **Launched in 2011 – our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year**
- **87 municipalities registered (55% of 157 MD municipalities)**
- **41 communities certified to date**
- **New Actions, Silver Tier added in January 2022**
- **Begun working with HOAs and civic associations in Gaithersburg and Prince George's County**
- **SM Program Fund Bill SB14 – provides \$500k annual funding for SM, including small grants**





# Certification Requirements

- **Resolution** indicating municipality intends to pursue SM certification
- **Bronze and Silver Tiers**
- **2 Mandatory Actions**
  - Create a **Green Team**, Create an **Action Plan**
- **2/4 of 8 Priority Actions**
  - Community Garden, Municipal Energy Audit, Green Purchasing Policy, Municipal Carbon Footprint, Watershed Plan, Stormwater Management
- Total of **150/400 points** to receive certification

**Actions for Sustainable Communities:**  
To become Sustainable Maryland Certified, municipalities must complete and document actions from the list below. To achieve certification, municipalities will need to complete actions worth a total of 150 points, including two Mandatory Actions (M) and two of six Priority Actions (P), and submit the appropriate documents as evidence that the requirements have been satisfied.

ACTION ITEM	POINTS	ACTION ITEM	POINTS
<b>COMMUNITY ACTION</b>			
<b>Green Team</b>			
Participate in SMC Green Team Training	5		
Create a Green Team	10 M		
Complete a Green Team Action Plan	10 M		
Conduct Community Barriers and Benefits Assessment	15		
Build SMC Resource Center	5		
Participation in MD Green Schools	10		
Innovative Demonstration Projects	5 to 20		
<b>COMMUNITY-BASED FOOD SYSTEM</b>			
<b>Local Food Consumption</b>			
Local Food Fair	10		
Local Food Consumption & Preservation Classes	5 per class		
Establish Local Farmers Market	15		
Promote Local Farmers Market	5		
<b>Local Food Production</b>			
Community Gardens	15 P		
Spring Transplant Sale	10		
Fall Transplant Sale	10		
Establish CSA Drop-off Location	10		
Innovative Demonstration Projects	5 to 20		
<b>ENERGY</b>			
Municipal Energy Audits	10 (1st bldg), 5 (consec bldgs) P		
Residential Energy Efficiency	5 to 20+		
Wind Energy Project	10		
Innovative Demonstration Projects	5 to 20		
<b>GREENHOUSE GAS</b>			
Municipal Carbon Footprint (pre-requisite)	15 P		
Community Carbon Footprint (pre-requisite)	15		
<b>Climate Planning</b>			
Climate Action Plan	10 to 25+		
Climate Change Adaptation Element	5		
Innovative Demonstration Projects	5 to 20		
<b>HEALTH &amp; WELLNESS</b>			
<b>Let's Move</b>			
Workplace Wellness	15		
<b>Workplace Wellness</b>			
Join Healthiest Maryland Businesses	5		
Workplace Wellness Program	5 to 15		
Living Well Program	5 per class		
Innovative Demonstration Projects	5 to 20		
<b>LOCAL ECONOMIES</b>			
<b>Buy Local</b>			
Establish Local Business Directory	10		
Promote Local Business Directory	5		
Buy Local Campaign	15		
Local Business Roundtable	5 per roundtable		
Local Business Procurement Notices	10		
Economic Analysis of Procurement Practices	15		
Local Purchasing Preference Policy	10		
<b>Green Business Recognition</b>			
Join Maryland Green Registry	5		
Promote Maryland Green Registry	5 points per 2 businesses		
<b>LOCAL ECONOMIES (CONTINUED)</b>			
Green Business Certification Program	15		
<b>Green Purchasing</b>			
Green Purchasing Policy (pre-requisite)	15 P		
Evaluate Current Purchasing Practices (pre-requisite)	10		
Vendor Preference Statement (pre-requisite)	10		
Purchase Recycled Products	10		
Purchase Environmentally Preferable Products	10		
Implement Waste Reduction Program	10		
Innovative Demonstration Projects	5 to 20		
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES</b>			
<b>Watershed Stewardship</b>			
Implement Watershed Stewardship/Pollution Prevention Outreach Program(s)	10		
Facilitate Engagement in Existing Watershed Stewardship Opportunities	5 per event		
Provide Voluntary Opportunities for Citizen Engagement in Watershed Stewardship	10		
Provide Incentives for Watershed Stewardship on Private Lands	15		
Create a Watershed Plan	20 P		
<b>Stormwater Management</b>			
Stormwater Management Program	15 P		
Stormwater Manager/Coordinator	15		
Stormwater Fee Structure	20		
<b>Septic Management</b>			
Septics System Assessment and Inventory	15		
Septics System Management Plan	20		
Dedicated Septic System Fund	20		
<b>Water Conservation</b>			
Develop a Water Conservation Plan	15		
Develop a Water Conservation Outreach Program	10		
Tree City USA	15		
<b>Pet Waste</b>			
Implement a Pet Waste Education Program	5		
Develop a Pet Waste Program	5		
Adopt a Pet Waste Ordinance	5		
Innovative Demonstration Projects	5 to 20		
<b>PLANNING AND LAND USE</b>			
Participation in DHCD Sustainable Communities	20		
Housing and the Comprehensive Plan	10		
<b>Land Preservation</b>			
Conduct Easement Outreach that Encourages Inspection, Evaluation, and Stewardship	15		
Build Easement Inventory	10		
Innovative Demonstration Projects	5 to 20		

P denotes Priority Action M denotes Mandatory Action

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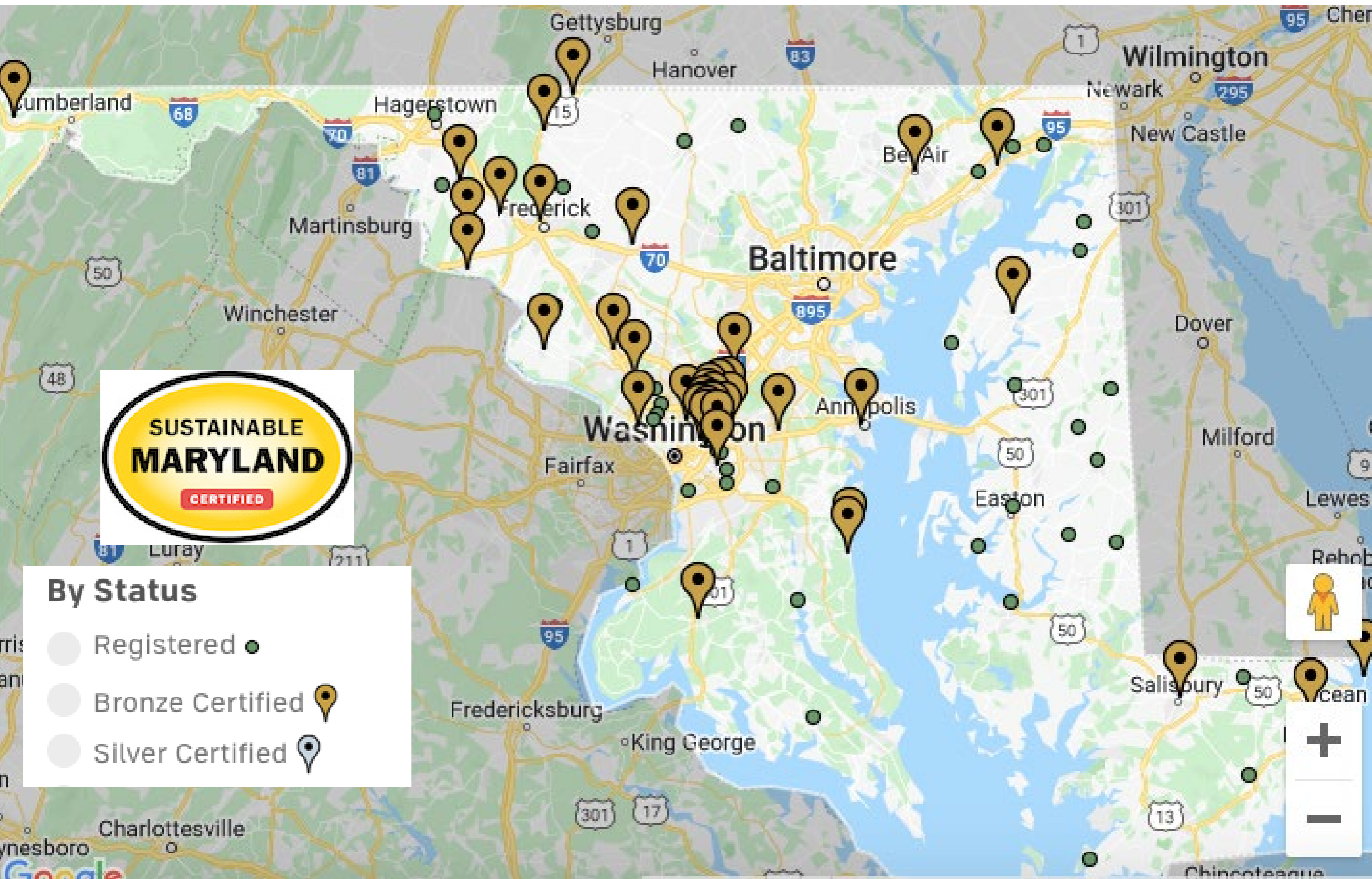



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### By Status

- Registered ●
- Bronze Certified 📍
- Silver Certified 📍







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