



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.

City of Laurel



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Municipality
Member since April 2021

Management and Leadership



Environmental Team

The City of Laurel Environmental Affairs Committee was created and established by Resolution No. 10-3, passed by the Mayor and City Council on July 28, 2003. The Committee is made up of seven (7) members; (1) Council Member; the committee shall be made up of City Residents, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

<https://www.cityoflaurel.org/boards/cacs/environmental-affairs-committee>



Environmental Restoration and Community Environmental Projects

The City's Parks and Recreation Department worked closely with the Clean Water Partnership to improve and manage stormwater infrastructure in the City. The full article highlighting the interview with the City's Director of Parks and Recreation can be found here:

<https://www.cityoflaurel.org/system/files/files/cwp-drop-jan2021-final002.pdf>

Waste



Recycling

The City of Laurel provides curbside single stream recycling collection to all our single family and townhome communities (7,043) and provides bulk recycling collection to our condo and apartment communities as well as curbside

recycling collection for our businesses that wish to participate. Beginning in January 2021, the City began a pilot program appropriately named [One and Done](#) – referring to residents only having to remember one day a week for all their collections – refuse, recycling and voluntary organic composting. The three neighborhoods received the change well – with only a few complaints and the City is looking to expand the program, thus reducing landfill waste, increasing recycling and raising awareness of the organics composting program.

During calendar year the City collected 1,092.12 tons of recycling – resulting in a cost savings of over \$68,000. In addition to the single stream recycling collection, the City also offers, electronics recycling, CD and DVD recycling, household battery recycling either by curbside collection or via drop-off. The City also sponsors a bi-annual event for electronics recycling provided by Securis and paper shredding provided by Chesapeake Paper Shredding, which is free to City residents, schools and businesses. As part of the Repurpose with a Purpose campaign – we have added GreenDrop to the event. During calendar year 2020 the City collected and recycled 19,002 lbs. of electronics – using Unicorn and Care Environmental. The electronics recycling information was provided to the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Composting

The City of Laurel created a curbside [organic composting pilot program](#) in August of 2019 with 200 participants. The compost program for the full year of 2020 collected 30.5 tons of compost – resulting in a diversionary rate of \$1,928 – the tonnage diverted represents the equivalent of 47,618 pounds of CO₂ saved. The program was so successful that it has been expanded to include local businesses, Prince George’s County elementary schools and 300 more residents. Residents participating in the program are allowed bi-annual free organic compost which the City purchases from Maryland Environmental Services. The organics composting program is in addition to the existing weekly yard debris collection program which is also recycled at Maryland Environmental Services.

<https://www.cityoflaurel.org/dpw/recycling-program/organics-recycling>

Energy

Energy Efficiency

The City of Laurel has contracted with an outside vendor to convert all fluorescent lights in all City facilities to energy efficient LED lights with motion detectors. The project is nearing completion and cost savings are expected to be realized within several months.

Environmental Certification Programs, Awards, and Other Activities

- Sustainable Maryland Certified
Main Street Maryland Designated
Sustainable Community through the Maryland Department of Housing and
Community Development (DHCD).
Maryland Recycling Network Board Member*



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