



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.

Annapolis Green



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Management and Leadership

Environmental Policy Statement

Annapolis Green's mission is to connect, inform, and inspire Annapolis residents, organizations, and businesses to care for the environment, live more responsibly and create a more beautiful and thriving community.

Rather than focus on a single issue, we tackle a variety of challenges plaguing our communities, motivating people to stand up for nature with various programs that bring people together, working for the greater good.

In addition to launching effective community initiatives, Annapolis Green consolidates the myriad efforts and resources of other local environmental organizations under one website, providing easy access to leading-edge knowledge, best practices, opportunities for hands-on experiences and events as well as virtual learning.

Environmental Team

Executive Director Maggie Hughes, Co-Founder Lynne Forsman, our Annapolis Green Board, as well as contractors, interns and volunteers comprise our team. This is a collective effort to lead by example in our communication, events and daily lives.

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

Through our [Plastic Free Annapolis & Beyond Program](#), we advocate for use of environmentally preferable products, particularly compostable products. When it was possible for conduct in-person events we provided services to special event planners to highlight the importance of locally sourced sustainable refreshments such as organic/ local wines and beers; reusable, compostable, or recyclable service ware; and event composting and recycling. We have, for many years, demonstrated that

group gatherings can have a reduced environmental impact. Our Plastic Free Annapolis program offers alternatives to single use throw-a-way plastics.

Our former office space, the Annapolis Green House, is an example both inside and out, of “living” sustainably. From renewable energy through [Neighborhood Sun](#), programmable thermostats, embracing BGE’s pilot program, [Connected Annapolis](#), installation of insulating [Indows](#) to using furnishings made with repurposed and donated items. All examples at our office, and all promoted with guidance and how to engage on our website.

Outside, we installed our “[Here We Grow](#)” garden filled with native plants and vegetables and a recognized [Bee City](#) garden. Over the last few years our garden has been a beautiful example of urban gardening – fueled by our “secret ingredient,” the compost we sell comprised of waste from many of our [Responsible Events and Festivals](#). It only makes sense to have our garden serve as the centerpiece and demonstration garden.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

In our own signature program Green Drinks Annapolis, we select sites/restaurants that are participants/partners of the Maryland Green Registry and Plastic Free Annapolis. We encourage new participants in these programs and initiatives. We request that our hosts offer local, organic appetizers, beer, and wine. We request they use china/linen or compostable or recycled content disposables.

We also offer compostables for sale to event organizers and couple the products with educational materials to help events go zero waste.

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

8,000+ fewer plastic bottles threaten Annapolis’s waterways thanks to our [NAPTOWN TAPs](#), portable and brandable for your company or cause. A sister program to [Refill Revolution](#), NAPTOWN TAPs dispense free, unlimited filtered water into reusable bottles and cups. Ideal for outdoor events, NAPTOWN TAPs save money and protect the environment and its inhabitants by reducing the eight million+ tons of plastic that end up in our oceans each year, contaminating marine life and those who consume it.

Recycling

Recycling is part of our sustainable products and practices program as outlined above.

At the Holiday season. We collect holiday lights – nonworking and incandescent –, and encourage the use LEDs in a partnership with fellow Maryland Green Registry

member, MOM's Organic Markets. In December 2020 and January 2021, we collected over 147 pounds of lights.

Annapolis Green also partners with [ReCork](#) and to collect and send natural corks to this recycler. The cork is repurposed into shoes, flooring and more. We have shipped 1,104 pounds of wine corks thus far. That totals approximately 121,429 corks. We have placed ReCork collection receptacles in various locations in Annapolis including St. Anne's Church and Eastport Yacht Club.



Composting

One of Annapolis Green's program areas called Responsible Events & Festivals (REF) helps event organizers and venues reduce landfill waste by encouraging attendees to recycle and compost. REF is a sponsor-based, turn-key sustainability program that's effective and customizable. Partnering with local company and fellow Maryland Green Registry member, Veteran Compost, we have helped numerous events and festivals achieve zero waste over the past several years and in 2019 composted 18 tons of organic material and recycled 1,000 pounds.

Our signature event is the Annapolis Rotary Crab Feast. With a crowd of close to 2,500 at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, we have composted 14 tons of material each year at since 2016; this was not accomplished in 2020 due to the pandemic.

In turn, each holiday following we offer our "Christmas Crab Compost" as a fundraiser taking the opportunity to message "From the Bay to the Garden." Since the in-person crab feast did not take place in 2020, instead of Christmas Crab Compost we partnered with the City of Annapolis to collect jack-o-lanterns and decorative pumpkins. This resulted in 10,000 pounds of pumpkins. The compost created from the pumpkins is for spring sale as "Pumpkin Spice Compost."

Energy



Energy Efficiency

The Annapolis Green House was constructed circa 1900. While we rented, we installed a programmable thermostat, LED lighting, and equipped the very leaky old windows with Super Green Solutions' "Indows" to act as an indoor, flexible fitting storm window that increases the windows' R-value tremendously.

In 2020, Annapolis Green became a BGE Connected Annapolis Pilot site – installing various smart home technologies including a programmable thermostat and smart bulbs.

Renewable Energy

The Annapolis Green office subscribes to Neighborhood Sun for community solar to offset our electric bill. We are also a Neighborhood Sun Partner helping to promote the benefits of shared solar!

Transportation

Employee Commute

Our effort consists of carpooling whenever possible. In addition, Annapolis Green is the only local organization educating and promoting driving electric. For the last seven years, we've presented informative seminars and an annual [Electric Vehicle Showcase](#). In 2020 this effort was called Kick Gas! and was held in Annapolis and held during National Drive Electric Week (in September) to educate consumers on the benefits of EVs, manufacturing advancements, government incentives, and ways zero emissions help ameliorate Climate Change. This will become a bi-annual event in April 2021 with "ED-EV," or Earth Day-Electric Vehicles during the national Drive Electric Earth Day program.

Water

Stormwater Management and Site Design

We replanted the garden on Maryland Avenue with natives and pollinator-friendly plants in a design that will help with reduce stormwater run-off and installed two rain barrels.

Environmental Certification Programs, Awards, and Other Activities

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- 2015 & 2019 Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber Green Business of the Year Award Winner
 - 2015 affiliation with Keep America Beautiful – the second affiliate and only non-governmental affiliate in Maryland
 - 2019 Four Rivers Heritage Stewardship Award
 - 2018, 2019 What's Up Media Green Business of the Year

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