



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 Chestertown



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Municipality
Member since May 2023

Management and Leadership



Environmental Policy Statement

Improve Chestertown's natural environment through the incorporation of sustainable best practices for the Town's land use and management, stormwater infrastructure, watershed stewardship, and tree canopy.

- *Strengthen the Town's economy through initiatives that foster sustainable business practices, reinvestment in vacant storefronts, and green purchasing policies.*
- *Encourage healthy living for the Town's populace through the expansion of parks, walking trails, bicycle lanes, and wellness programs.*
- *Reduce the Town's carbon footprint through the expanded use of alternative energy systems, energy-saving practices, and recycling programs.*
- *Vision, Goals, and Suggested Tactics based on community feedback collected throughout 2016-2017 environmental events.*



Environmental Team

The Chestertown Environmental Committee is composed of interested citizens who work with the town to further environmental goals. The Committee has been meeting since 2008. Meeting minutes and activities can be found on this website:

<https://townofchestertown.com/government/committees/environment/environmental-committee/>

Environmental Restoration and Community Environmental Projects

The Town holds an annual Earth Day celebration.

Waste

Recycling

Recycling is encouraged in Chestertown and there is a collection site at Vault Storage on the corner of High and Morgnec Roads. The following is collected there:

- *Glass bottles*
- *Aluminum and ferrous metals*
- *Corrugated cardboard*
- *Clean Mixed Paper*
- *#1, #2, and #5 plastics*
- *Batteries, bottle caps and other difficult to recycle materials are collected at the Farmer's Market on High Street on Saturdays.*

Curbside recycling has been conducted in town but has been paused due to a vendor issue. A new vendor has been identified and the program is planned to resume in July.

Energy

Renewable Energy

The town operates a solar array at the Water Treatment Plant on John Hanson Road. The solar array is 1.5 MW with over 6000 solar panels. A small 1.2 kW array is also installed on Town Hall.

Transportation

Employee Commute/Customer Travel

The town has been proactive in advocating and promoting the installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers to include private, municipal and commercial sites for residents and visitors. This effort has been initiated by the Town's Environmental Committee and led by Jon Hanley. Currently there are 25 EV chargers in Chestertown and more planned.

Our annual Earth Day Festival hosted an EV display, and an educational booth about EV ownership and charging to answer questions about how this all works.



Help build a greener, more sustainable Maryland through voluntary practices that reduce environmental impacts and save money.

Learn more at green.maryland.gov

