
Environmental Advisory Committee Priorities Presentation

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THE CITY OF
BOWIE, MARYLAND

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3 Key Priorities



Reduce Solid Waste

- Conduct aggressive public education emphasizing reduction, reuse, & recycling;
- Examine potential use of incentives to influence residents' behavior; and
- **Expand curbside food scrap collection and composting programs city-wide, including consideration of city drop-off sites by the end of 2022.**

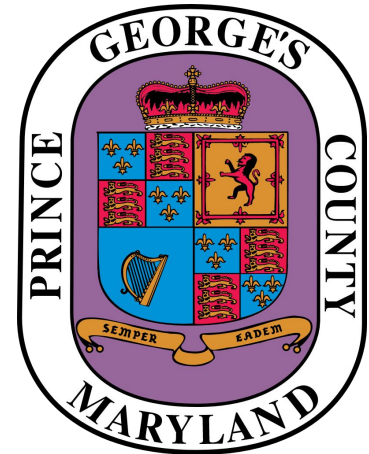
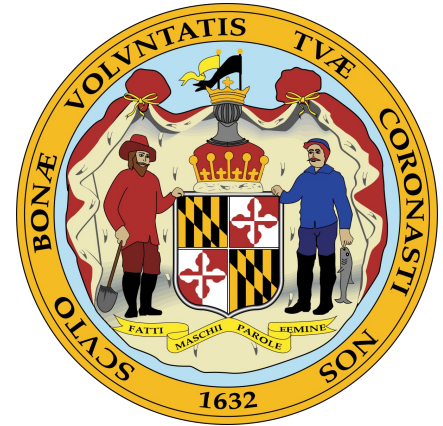


Expand Community Education on Climate Initiatives

- Continue to host educational events that address the climate crisis and how we can make positive changes to support the environment;
- Use current outreach mechanisms for promotion of these events (*Bowie Brief, Bowie Spotlight, Bowie Alerts*);
- Prioritize sharing Green Bowie initiatives on the City's e-signs; and
- Engage with Bowie's civic, religious, and recreational groups to share resources with their respective communities.

Engage at State and County Level

Prioritize taking an active stance and engaging with elected officials on renewable energy legislation to help reach our climate goals.



Collaborate with County Partners: Climate Action Plan

Create a dialogue between the City and County Councils to better align our Climate Action Plan with the county proposal. Provide updates as we continue to move forward to better reach our goals.



SB135/HB171: Climate Crisis & Environmental Justice Act

- Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt a plan for the reduction of statewide greenhouse gas emissions by December 31, 2022;
- Tasking the State with the elimination of greenhouse gas emissions through various measures by 2040; and
- Establishing a Climate Crisis Council to develop a plan to meet the reduction targets set out in the Act.

Maryland Environmental Human Rights Amendment

Creates a constitutional amendment to give Marylanders the right to a healthful, sustainable environment. Embedding this right in the Declaration of Rights section of the Maryland Constitution will:

- Make a healthful environment a core responsibility and priority of government;
- Require the state to protect these rights for Marylanders today and for future generations; and
- Over time, would serve as a foundation for more effective environmental laws, regulations, and administration.

SB143/HB18: Maryland Paint Stewardship

Requires that sellers of architectural paint accept returns of unused paint for recycling. This measure has bipartisan support and would reduce Prince George's County's cost for disposal of paint.



SB273/HB275: PFAS Chemical Prohibition

Prohibiting a person from using, manufacturing, or knowingly selling or distributing substances that contain intentionally added PFAS chemicals in the State. Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are also known as “forever chemicals” that bioaccumulate and can create health risks for anyone who comes in contact with it.



SB14/HB100: State Funding for Sustainable Maryland

Establishes the Sustainable Maryland Program Fund, which would enhance Sustainable Maryland's support of communities in Maryland, with the goal of supporting environmental, economic, and social sustainability.

