

# RIVERDALE PARK



## Town of Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee and “Green Team”

The Town of Riverdale Park’s (TRP) Sustainability Committee (the committee or Green Team) has existed since October 1, 2012. The Town Council appoints members of the committee. Additionally, other dedicated and caring residents continually step forward and support the [Town Vision for Sustainability](#). The sum of these forces for sustainability is often referred to as the “Green Team”. This growing group of residents is dedicated to making TRP, as well as neighboring communities, more sustainable. TRP maintains a [webpage](#) about the committee on the town website.

The committee works in close contact with the staff of TRP in order to stay informed and encourage sustainable growth in TRP. Critical to the committee is the support provided by the Town Manager, the Directors of Development Services and Public Works, as well as all of the other talented and dedicated TRP staff who establish and implement the many actions critical to maintaining and improving on the TRP’s sustainability.

To reach the committee, contact [TRP](#). Below is a list of Green Team members as of June 23, 2020.

Name		Role
Aaron	Faulx	Town Councilmember, Ward 2
John	Lestitian	Town Manager
Ryan	Chelton	Director, Development Services
Ivy	Lewis	Director, Public Works
Lora	Katz	Coordinator
Sarah	Batto	Coordinator
Alex	Hirtle	Member
Dan	Collinge	Member
Grace	Pooley	Member
Jaynee	Acevedo	Member
Mara Hogan	Faulx	Member
Monica	Galli	Member
Rickey	Torrence	Member
Ryan	Littlewood	Member
Brandt	Siegel	Member
Jacob	Foster	Member

## Meetings

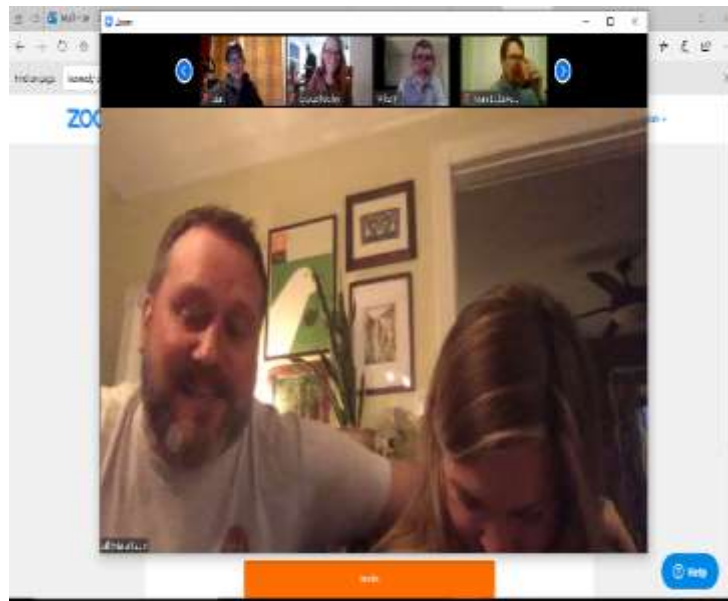
The team collaborates in a [Google Drive](#) folder named **Sustainability – Riverdale Park** and through a discussion board using a [Google Group](#) , **Sustainability\_RiverdaleParkMD**. They also share access to a Google calendar.

Up until April 2020 members met in person to discuss progress on action plan activities and to work on the Town’s Sustainable Maryland recertification application. The Town supported meetings by granting use of the Town Hall conference room. Meetings were

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also held at local businesses ([Town Center Market](#), [Banana Blossom Bistro](#), and [Riviera Tapas Bar](#)) and occasionally at members' homes. In April 2020, the members began to meet virtually using the Zoom platform. As hopes for the future include meeting again in person, the Green Team will continue to use which ever means best meets the needs of safely and effectively getting sustainable work planned and accomplished.

First meeting using the [Zoom](#) virtual platform, April 1, 2020



[Banana Blossom Bistro](#) supported a Sustainability Committee meeting on July 11, 2019 by reserving space in their restaurant. In the photo from left to right are Monica Galli, Lora Katz, Krisztina Christmon, and Andy Fellows.



Sustainable Maryland - Green Team Training - Attendance Sheet		
Date: 7-11-19 Location: Riverdale Park		
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Monica Galli	Riverdale Park resident	monica10@gmail.com

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Since the Town's last Sustainable Maryland recertification in June 2017, the Green Team met on the following dates. The Team will continue meeting on the first Wednesday of the month.

Date	Meeting
2020 Jun 1	Recertification work session
2020 May 6	Recertification work session
2020 Apr 1	Recertification work session
2020 Mar 13	Town Update for recertification
2020 Feb 19	Recertification planning
2020 Feb 13	Route 1 Green Team Summit with Mike Hunninghake and 15 municipalities
2020 Feb 6	New members orientation and action planning
2020 Feb 1	New member orientation and action planning
2019 Nov 26	Actions update from Kevin Simpson, departing Director, Development Services
2019 Nov 14	Energy Efficiency Leadership Training
2019 Sep 23	Projects update with Andy Fellows
2019 Aug 7	Attended joint community Zero Waste Meeting
2019 Jul 11	Planning
2019 May 12	Planning for Riverdale Park Day Jun 15
2019 Feb 12	Training with Andy Fellows
2018 July 11	Green Team training with Mike Hunninghake
2018 Oct 18	Actions update with Kevin Simpson, Director Development Services

See examples of agendas and meeting notes on the following pages.

## REMINDER: Sustainability Meeting July 11 6pm

lora katz <planetlorak@hotmail.com>

Wed 7/10/2019 22:15

To: Sustainability\_RiverdaleParkMD <sustainability\_riverdaleparkmd@googlegroups.com>; Director, Office of Development Services Kevin Simpson <ksimpson@riverdaleparkmd.gov>; Sustainable Maryland Program Manager Mike Hunninghake <mikeh75@umd.edu>

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2020\_ActionPlan\_RiverdalePark\_10Jul2019.pdf;

Mike C., Rickey, Monica, Krisztina, Kevin and Mike H., who have said you plan to come, I'll see you tomorrow (Thursday) by 6pm at the BB Bistro. Bring along an interested Riverdale-resident friend if you like. All are welcome.

I'm attaching the last version I have of our plan for Actions. Look for areas you have an interest in and any questions you have about anything in the document can be answered at our meeting.

regards,

Lora

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**From:** sustainability\_riverdaleparkmd@googlegroups.com <sustainability\_riverdaleparkmd@googlegroups.com> on behalf of lora katz <planetlorak@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, June 30, 2019 16:53

**To:** Sustainability\_RiverdaleParkMD; Director, Office of Development Services Kevin Simpson; Sustainable Maryland Program Manager Mike Hunninghake

**Subject:** [sustainability\_riverdaleparkmd] CHANGE in LOCATION for Sustainability Meeting July 11 6pm

Hello,

To those of you who responded, our meeting on **Thursday July 11 at 6 p.m. will be inside [Banana Blossom Bistro](#)** at the corner of Rhode Island Ave and Queensbury Road (6202 Rhode Island Ave). Due to other meetings, there is no meeting space available at Town Hall that evening.

At the BB Bistro we have a table for 8 reserved in the room with the TV. They recommend you arrive early if you want to order food. Thurs evenings can be busy with the Farmer's Market crowd. However, if you are there on time - a little before 6pm - , they will take our order from our table instead of having to order at the front counter.

Proposed agenda for our meeting is as follows.

**What is [Sustainable Maryland](#) all about?** Mike Hunninghake, Program Manager, will join us and give a brief presentation.

**What has the Town of Riverdale Park done to be a Certified Sustainable Maryland Community?** Mike will again lead us through a review of the Actions that qualified the Town for it's current certification.

**What are the next steps in applying for re-certification by June 2020?** I will have a list of opportunities I'm aware of for re-certification Actions (I will plan to send the list out to everyone before the meeting), come ready to offer other ideas for Actions, come ready to indicate where you have interest with any Actions or

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areas of needed help, Mike will provide guidance to us on the applicability of each Action to our re-certification.

**How would we like to work together, when would we like to meet again, and what should we each do as next steps?**

I would like us to briefly discuss and agree on how we will keep the group communicating, what works best for the group in organizing future meetings, and I would like to document any next steps we plan to take.

Do you have any thoughts or questions about our upcoming meeting? Please feel free to contact me at planetlorak@hotmail.com and if you've not yet done so, please let me know if you plan to come.

Regards,

Lora Katz

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## Meeting Notes & Questions for Ryan from April 1, 7:30 pm Riverdale Green Team Meeting

Sarah Batto <battosa@gmail.com>

Thu 4/30/2020 00:13

To: lora katz <planetlorak@hotmail.com>; Hirtle, Alex J. <AJHirtle@co.pg.md.us>; Dan Collinge <collingedan@gmail.com>; Aaron Faulx <afaulx@riverdaleparkmd.gov>; Mara Faulx <mhogan112@gmail.com>; Jaynee Acevedo <jayneefinchdeacevedo@gmail.com>; Mike Culp <michaelculp5@gmail.com>; Monica Galli <mongalli@gmail.com>; ryan.littlewood@gmail.com <ryan.littlewood@gmail.com>; Rickey Torrence <rtorrence@latinpcs.org>; Stephen Savage <savages6778@gmail.com>; gmpooley@gmail.com <gmpooley@gmail.com>

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Questions about Riverdale Park Sustainable Actions 4-29-20.docx;

Good Evening Lovely Riverdale Green Team!

I'm so sorry for the incredibly late response after our last Green Team meeting. Here is a summary of my notes from our last Green Team meeting on April 1, 2020. **We plan to meet for the next Green Team meeting next Wednesday, May 6 at 7:30 pm on Zoom (look for the invite coming soon in a separate email).**

To Do Items: We had discussed doing a few items in addition to our individual write-up assignments.

- **Follow-Up with Ryan Chelton from Townhall: I have attached a list of questions for Ryan based off the ["2020 Sustainability Maryland Tracker Notes"](#) and discussion from everyone's updates at the last meeting. Please let me know by end of the day on Sunday, May 3, if you have any additions/edits to this list.**
- I will reach out to individuals I have not heard from shortly about their write-up items and send an update to assignments being reshuffled as soon as possible.
  - Lora will need new write-up assignments since the centennial, blood pressure, and sustainability tour will not be happening this year.
  - Since Aaron has helped organize programs during covid-19 to bring meals to schools and another to provide food vouchers for the farmer's market, we will switch Aaron's write-up assignment to these programs from Rickey (green schools, local purchasing policy, and promoting local farmer's market)--- Aaron volunteered to do a write-up about these programs for Mike's newsletter
- Mike Hunninghake volunteered to send a list of the sustainable features included in the Riverdale Town Park Station- we may consider adding this list to the town's website or having a video tour of the sustainable features.
- Mike Hunninghake asked if Riverdale Park is planning to participate in a pilot program in PG County to provide the town with pet waste stations in exchange for information about their usage-- *I did see Ryan recently and he confirmed that he is still in process of asking the town about this.*

### Re-certification Tips

- Reminder that when submitting our rec-certification application this year (hopefully in June), there are only 6 document spaces for loading information for each action item. If all 6 documents have previously been filled, you will need to re-use any of those docks and add onto them to submit your update
- The team will need to string together documents into 1 document if all the docks are used
- For items that were already in the 2014 or 2017 certification application, we may just add updates to the current actions. E.g., The item for "create a green team" would need to provide an update with at least 2 recent meetings and agendas, and perhaps a projected timeline for meetings or projects.
  - Here is the submittal for the [2017 certification application on the Sustainable Maryland website](#) (Thanks Dan!)



- Here is the [folder](#) with all our internal notes from the 2017 application.
- If we are not quite done with an item by June 2020, we may be able to add some updates to the item from July or August before the October official review of the application

Sustainable Maryland updates:

Per the email sent April 21 from the Environmental Finance Center:

- The deadline to submit our 2020 Re-certification application remains June 20, 2020, but we can submit it on July 30 although we may not get the same level of pre-review before the official full review in October and would forfeit the chance to get any awards for it.
- **Sustainable Maryland will hold a webinar on Wednesday, May 6 at 2:00pm to review the changes to the 2020 certification cycle. You can register for the [webinar here](#).**

Priority Actions for Re-certification

- To get points for previously identified priority actions, we need to show what the team has done to improve on these actions (Municipal energy Audit, Municipal Carbon Footprint, Green Purchasing Policy)--- we may be able to keep the language from previous certifications and can add the 2020 update to that (need to find the 2017 certification report)
- For the carbon footprint, we are still in the six year timeframe to show action taken
- For the new priority action for the community garden, we have money set aside for this fiscal year, but we need to remove some trees, etc. before setting it up- Sustainable Maryland may be more flexible with needing to have a plan in action by the time we apply for our application, but we're not sure-TBD

Notes on Future Actions

- The town's centennial celebration has been postponed until next year. We are planning to make it a zero waste event. This also means that several of the new action items to be added to the certification list for historic preservation may not make it into this year's re-certification application

Thank you for your participation and support!

Sarah

P.S. If you have further questions, please refer to the email sent by me on March 4 for instructions about how to do your assigned write-ups from the tracker spreadsheet referenced above.

On Thu, Apr 2, 2020 at 8:44 AM Sarah Batto <[battosa@gmail.com](mailto:battosa@gmail.com)> wrote:

Riverdale Green Team,

Thank you for joining us at last night's first online Green Team meeting! Lora and I think it was very productive and exciting! Many thanks to Mike Hunninghake and Brandy Espinosa from the [Sustainable Maryland](#) program for being available to answer a lot of questions! I will write up meeting notes and a list of sustainable items questions for Ryan Chelton by this weekend for the Green Team to review before sending to Ryan. In the meantime, Brandy has sent us the invite to this Friday's online happy hour (see below) to discuss ways Green Teams can adapt during these uncertain times.

Also, as Brandy mentioned during the meeting, attached is last-year's powerpoint of tips how to re-certify as a Sustainable Maryland community, which we are doing this year for Riverdale! The Sustainable Maryland program is also planning to hold another presentation about how to recertify this year, TBD.

Finally, apologies to the larger Riverdale Green Team listserv, as I failed to get the email right and send you an invite in time. I will fix this for the next meeting, which we plan to be for Wednesday, May 6 at 7:30 pm using

zoom again.

Thank you again to everyone who could make it and we understand that things are a little crazy so we appreciate your flexibility!

Sarah and Lora

I have attached the slide deck for last year's recertification webinar so that you can share it and below is a blurb for the happy hour on Friday.

Let me know if you have any questions

### Virtual "Happy Hour" (Friday, April 3, 4:00pm):

We are inviting municipal staff, elected officials, and Green Team leaders to an informal online discussion about adapting to the current climate of remote technology and staying connected. Whether it's interactive engagement on social media, or setting up virtual public meetings, or online platforms to collect feedback from residents; much of these have never been used before by municipalities. Let's help each other through this new (temporary) normal! Share best practices and lessons learned from your own municipality, ask advice from your colleagues as your town is learning its way, or just get some much needed face time with friends. For more information and to add it to your calendar [click here](#).

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*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*  
~Margaret Mead

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Sarah Batto** <[battosa@gmail.com](mailto:battosa@gmail.com)>

Date: Tue, Mar 31, 2020 at 11:34 PM

Subject: April 1, 7:30 pm Riverdale Green Team Meeting

To: lora Katz <[planetlorak@hotmail.com](mailto:planetlorak@hotmail.com)>, Hirtle, Alex J. <[AJHirtle@co.pg.md.us](mailto:AJHirtle@co.pg.md.us)>, Dan Collinge <[collingedan@gmail.com](mailto:collingedan@gmail.com)>, Aaron Faulx <[afaulx@riverdaleparkmd.gov](mailto:afaulx@riverdaleparkmd.gov)>, Mara Faulx <[mhogan112@gmail.com](mailto:mhogan112@gmail.com)>, Jaynee Acevedo <[jayneefinchdeacevedo@gmail.com](mailto:jayneefinchdeacevedo@gmail.com)>, Mike Culp



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Dear Riverdale Green Team Members,

Please join us online tomorrow for our next Green team meeting. Please see the agenda and the link for tomorrow's meeting below.

Thanks!

Sarah and Lora

## Town of Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee “Green Team” Meeting AGENDA

April 1, 2020 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m., [ZOOM Virtual Meeting](#)

**NOTE: The Zoom session will end after 40 minutes. Click again, on the ZOOM Virtual Meeting link in this agenda to rejoin the meeting.**

1. **Is ZOOM working for everyone? And Introduction.** 5 minutes: Troubleshoot any audio or video issues with attendees and Explain Agenda and Meeting Restarting at 40 minutes.
2. **How is the re-certification process for the [Sustainable Maryland](#) Program impacted in light of world events?** 10 minutes: Mike Hunninghake, Program Manager, will join us to check in with our team and give his perspective on the Sustainable Maryland re-certification process in light of world events.
3. **Do we have sufficient Priority Action Items?** 5-10 minutes: We already have a community garden in the works. Several priority actions are identified in the ["2020 Sustainability Maryland Tracker Notes"](#) but we're not sure that our progress on them is sufficient qualify for a priority action item.
  - Priority Action Items identified on tracker: municipal energy audit, municipal carbon footprint, green purchasing policy;
  - Other Priority Items not on tracker: create a watershed plan, or stormwater management program
4. **What are the next steps in applying for re-certification by June 2020?** 15 minutes: Review the ["2020 Sustainability Maryland Tracker Notes"](#) ; Each person can give a quick update on their “action write-ups” progress (no pressure); Team can share where to get additional information, if needed, for each action item.
  - *(Note: Google sheet of links to recent Town Crier articles on town sustainability issues. Dan put the file in the 2020 folder on the Sustainability Google folder. Link here: [https://drive.google.com/open?id=14XcOmuwrX9IH39h6q--S\\_CvdBAyotFACx1DkbQ-Pwsl](https://drive.google.com/open?id=14XcOmuwrX9IH39h6q--S_CvdBAyotFACx1DkbQ-Pwsl). These may be useful in creating narratives for the re-certification. If nothing else, they are evidence of some of the actions taken.)*
  - **Meeting should cut off here. Please click the same link to rejoin the meeting.** If needed, we'll spend another 10 minutes on this topic when we rejoin the meeting.
5. **What has the Town of Riverdale Park done most recently to support sustainability?** 10 minutes: Aaron Faulx (and possibly Lora Katz): Discuss [the resolutions that support sustainability](#) that the Town Council passed at the March 25 Special Legislative Meeting.
6. **What are the next steps to writing the Action Plan?** 10 minutes: Set next steps to discuss communication with city hall, reassign write-ups or set deadlines, make sure we have the priority actions covered (if time, discuss forward-looking plan).

7. **When is the next meeting?** 5-10 minutes: Discuss next meeting time and goals for next meeting.

8. **If there's extra time, what thoughts would you like to share in light of the current world challenges?**



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## Assignments!-Re: Riverdale Sustainability Cmte TIME TO START OUR APPLICATION FOR RE-CERTIFICATION!

Sarah Batto <battosa@gmail.com>

Wed 3/4/2020 13:49

To: Dan Collinge <collingedan@gmail.com>

Cc: lora katz <planetlorak@hotmail.com>; Stephen Savage <savages6778@gmail.com>; Hirtle, Alex J. <AJHirtle@co.pg.md.us>; Rickey Torrence <rtorrence@latinpcs.org>; Monica Galli <mongalli@gmail.com>; Mike Culp <michaelculp5@gmail.com>; Aaron Faulx <afaulx@riverdaleparkmd.gov>; Mara Faulx <mhogan112@gmail.com>; ryan.littlewood@gmail.com <ryan.littlewood@gmail.com>; jayneefinchdeacevedo@gmail.com <jayneefinchdeacevedo@gmail.com>

Wonderful Green Team Volunteers!

Thanks Dan for making a [list](#) of the town criers where we can find information about our various write-up items!

Sorry I'm behind schedule. I was battling sickness last week and ran out of energy.

I've finally combined Lora's and my spreadsheets of sustainable action items (see "[2020 Sustainability Maryland Tracker Notes](#)" or "Tracker Notes" for short) that the town has taken since June 2017 to June 2020 to qualify Riverdale Park as a [Sustainable Maryland community](#)! We must submit our re-certification application at the latest by June 31, 2020, but we hope to be ahead of schedule! Each of you on this email has been assigned 3-4 items on the spreadsheet to write-up a minimum 1-page summary (no need to write more than 1 page, but you may write more) for each of your items, which we are targeting to complete by our next Green Team meeting April 1. See your assignments on the Tracker Notes spreadsheet.

Here are a few instructions for each item:

- We ask that you use the [template](#) with the Riverdale park logo at the top for each minimum 1-page write-up. See [previous write-up items](#) from 2017 for examples.
- Each write-up should clearly explain how the Riverdale Park town management/council/government/etc. is involved in each item in order for our town to get credit. The more documentation about the town's involvement and precise descriptions with dates and how the item meets the sustainability category, the better, with photos, mention of email correspondence, budget allocation, flyers, etc.
- Please save your write-up in the "[2020 Write-ups](#)" folder.
- Then, fill out the [2020 ActionPlan RiverdalePark](#) with your item in the appropriate [category](#) (e.g. "community action" or "energy"). (In the Tracker Notes spreadsheet, we include a suggested category for each item but you can suggest a different one if you think it fits better in a different category.) The green team intends to submit the Action Plan spreadsheet with our application to be a Sustainable Maryland community.
- Once you have completed your write-up, saved it in the "2020 Write-ups" folder, and added your item to the Action Plan spreadsheet, you can document that it is complete in this [Tracker Notes](#) spreadsheet so the team knows it's ready.
- We have links to various sources of information for you to search or ask questions to, but feel free to search in other places or ask other people. *(I defer to Lora and Aaron about emailing city officials individually about our specific questions.- **Lora or Aaron, should we individually email, or try to send questions together in one or two emails?**)*
- If you can't find enough information on your item, feel free to ask this email chain if they know other possible sources. **Also, a few members of the green team will be meeting with our fairly new town director of development services, Ryan Chelton, next Friday, March 13 at 4 pm at City Hall to ask questions about action items. If you would like to join us, feel free to come, or send us questions by noon Thursday, March 12 about your write-up items so that we can ask Ryan for you.**

**Next Riverdale Park Green Team Meeting:**

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**The green team will be meeting next month on April 1 at 7 pm at 4801 Rittenhouse St. to check in on our progress.** At the meeting, we can discuss places to get additional information if you are having trouble finding info about your items. If we are mostly done with our write-ups, we can also start planning and assigning tasks to write our first 3-year *forward looking* plan to be better prepared for the next Sustainable Maryland certification deadline!! I know you all have a lot of great ideas that we would love to have a plan for!

**Lora**, do you have anything else to add that folks should know? Lora and Aaron are a wealth of information about what sustainable actions our town has done and are planning.

If you are aware of any sustainability items that we are missing, feel free to email the group to let us know and feel free to add them to the assignment tracking spreadsheet so we can make sure they get assigned to someone to write up. Or, if you have additional information about any of the existing items, feel free to add that info to the Tracker Notes spreadsheet.

Also, if you want to trade topics that you are assigned to, feel free to reach out to the person who is assigned that item and see if they want to switch. I tried to assign items based on known interests, but most of the assignments are random and are not fixed.

Aaand, if you know anyone else who would like to help out, I'm happy to lighten anyone's load and re-assign write-up items to new folks or find something else for another person to do (help with upcoming Earth Day on April 25th, work on outlining items for the 3-year future plan, etc.)

I'm happy to help answer any questions or make improvements in this process if you have suggestions.

Thanks!

Sarah

On Mon, Mar 2, 2020, 9:38 AM Dan Collinge <[collingedan@gmail.com](mailto:collingedan@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi folks,

As discussed at the meeting, I've created a Google sheet of links to recent Town Crier articles on town sustainability issues. I put the file in the 2020 folder on the Sustainability Google folder. Link here: [https://drive.google.com/open?id=14XcOmuwrX9IH39h6q--S\\_CvdBAyotFACx1DkbQ-Pwsl](https://drive.google.com/open?id=14XcOmuwrX9IH39h6q--S_CvdBAyotFACx1DkbQ-Pwsl). These may be useful in creating narratives for the re-certification. If nothing else, they are evidence of some of the actions taken.

Dan

On Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 5:22 PM Sarah Batto <[battosa@gmail.com](mailto:battosa@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hello all!

I'm adding another person to our meeting for tomorrow: Dan is my neighbor around the corner and is looking to get points for his cough\* Master Naturalist? cough\* certification requirements (I have a terrible memory!) and wants to help out! Turns out helping us with our [Sustainable MD](#) certification can get him points!

Thanks Dan!

Sarah

On Fri, Feb 14, 2020 at 8:20 AM lora katz <[planetlorak@hotmail.com](mailto:planetlorak@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Meeting Notes 2020 Mar 4

Can you join us next **Wednesday, February 19 7pm 4801 Rittenhouse Street, Riverdale Park?** (A big thank you to the homeowners who are Green Team members, Aaron Faulx, Ward 2 Councilperson, and Mara Hogan, for hosting this meeting.)

We are getting together to get organized to move forward with our 2020 application for Sustainable Maryland re-certification which is due this June. I'm sending this message to only a portion of those folks we have on our Google - Green Team - distribution list. Do you know of someone else who wants to be involved? Please let me know, or have them come to next week's meeting.

Do you have another way you'd like to participate?

regards,

Lora Katz

Sustainability Committee  
Town of Riverdale Park  
(301)518-2088  
Hi

## Riverdale Park - GREEN TEAM MEETING MESSAGE

lora katz <planetlorak@hotmail.com>

Sun 5/3/2020 13:38

To: sustainability\_riverdaleparkmd@googlegroups.com <sustainability\_riverdaleparkmd@googlegroups.com>

Dear Town of Riverdale Park Green Team,

Please join us online, **Wednesday May 6 at 7:30pm** for our next Green team meeting. The agenda and Zoom meeting link are below. We plan to finish drafting the re-certification application by the end of May and embrace (virtually, of course) any amount of help you can provide .

Thanks!

Sarah and Lora

### **AGENDA - Town of Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee "Green Team" Meeting**

May 6, 2020 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m., [Click here for ZOOM Virtual Meeting](#)

*Note: The Zoom session will end after 40 minutes. Click again on the ZOOM Virtual Meeting link in this agenda to rejoin the meeting.*

**Purpose:** To discuss and organize the tasks needed to complete the application process for our Town's [Sustainable Maryland](#) re-certification .

- **Is ZOOM working for everyone? 5 minutes** Troubleshoot any audio or video issues with attendees and remind all how to re-join every 40 minutes.
- **What's on the Agenda? 5 minutes** Review the agenda. Does anyone have anything to add?
- **What happened in the Sustainable Maryland Webinar: 2020 Certification Cycle and Best Practices? 10 minutes** Sarah will provide a summary
- **What exactly is a Sustainability Action write-up? 10 minutes** Dan Collinge will give a quick demo of what he has done to create a few Sustainability Action write-ups.
- **What are the next steps in applying for re-certification by June 2020? 20 minutes** We will confirm assigned Sustainability Actions, address questions and share ideas concerning getting the rest of the write-ups completed.
- **What are the resources available for write-up content? 10 minutes** We will discuss where to get additional information, as needed, for each Sustainability Action write-up .
- **When is the next meeting? 5 minutes** We will decide next meeting time and topics.

### ***Sustainability Actions Resources***

[Town Crier Links to "Green" Articles](#)

[Town Resolutions](#)

[Town Budgets - Past and Proposed](#)

[Sustainability - Riverdale Park \(Google Drive documents\)](#)



## Recorded Notes from the Sustainability Committee Meeting 2/19/20:

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Present at the meeting were Alex Hirtle, Aaron Faulx, Mara Hogan, Dan Collinge, Sarah Batto, and Lora Katz.

### Reminder Events:

- Tomorrow at 6 pm at Town Hall is the Centennial Planning Meeting.
- Marsha Dixon has planned a Coffee with the Councilwoman at 3 pm on February 22

### Information about the Sustainable Maryland Application was presented:

- We need 150 points minimum

### To Do Items Discussed:

- Lora will schedule a meeting with the Director of Development Services, Ryan Chelton, for the week of March 9th
- Aaron will follow up to find out about whether the town has a Tree City USA certification this last cycle
- We can follow up and record to the record that the town is adding sidewalks in Ward 3 and for watershed management they are adding gutters for runoff
- We would like to find out what year the water retention and other sustainable features were built in Riverdale Park Station (was that before June 2017?)
- Alex will contact County Parks and Planning staff about an interpretive trail be built and targeted as a 2021 action. The county and town can pass a resolution and have youth cut vines in the trail area this summer.
- Lora, first, then, Aaron, will follow up with Sheila Smith and Jim Coleman about offering free blood pressure screenings at the Riverdale Farmer's Market this spring, perhaps once a month
- We believe there are also watershed management plans for the new Field of Dreams park that we would like to confirm with the town
- We should find out if there trees being added along the Purple Line?
- We would like to organize another Tour of the Kafritz Riverdale Park Station sustainable features perhaps in April 2020. We plan to send out communication through town flyers and will email the Town Crier as well other email listservs to advertise this.
- The Riverdale Historical Committee is discussing preservation of the giant Brick Ice House in town
- Dan will help with this year's Earth Day Clean-Up and will talk to Allison Spain to help organize it in their neighborhood park. Dan can email Marsha Dixon and Aaron can contact Jessica Barnes to advertise in the Town Crier and get town coordination
- Aaron will push with the town establishing a composting drop-off perhaps with University Park and College Park
- The Town Centennial Celebration is planned for June 13, 2020. We would like to plan it to be a zero waste event- Aaron will email Luis Robles of Greenbelt for help with this
  - We would like to set up a Green Team booth at the centennial celebration
  - A Historic House Tour is planned for May 16, 2020

- There is concern about the amount of trash left in the Riverdale Community Park. Alex will ask who has the permits to play in the fields and contact them about cleaning up trash in the future
- We would like to plan a GIS map of dog poop stations around town
- For the Sustainable Maryland application, Dan will research all the sustainable actions advertised in the Town Crier

Other Items Discussed for Potential Future Actions:

- We would like to have a tree canopy map and plan- the University of Vermont does a flyover map of the country that Alex can pull
- We would like to create a Wells Run Memorandum of Understanding with Hyattsville and other neighboring communities
  - the Anacostia Watershed Society has adopted Wells Run
  - Aaron will ask about a watershed study

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Email Communications Regarding the Sustainability Committee Meeting 2/19/20:

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On Mon, Mar 2, 2020 at 9:38 AM Dan Collinge <collingedan@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi folks,

As discussed at the meeting, I've created a Google sheet of links to recent Town Crier articles on town sustainability issues. I put the file in the 2020 folder on the Sustainability Google folder. Link here: [https://drive.google.com/open?id=14XcOmuwrX9IH39h6q--S\\_CvdBAyotFACx1DkbQ-PwsI](https://drive.google.com/open?id=14XcOmuwrX9IH39h6q--S_CvdBAyotFACx1DkbQ-PwsI). These may be useful in creating narratives for the re-certification. If nothing else, they are evidence of some of the actions taken.

Dan

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On Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 11:34 PM lora Katz <planetlorak@hotmail.com> wrote:

Mike, thanks so much for touching base with us. We had a productive meeting - Alex Hirtle, Aaron Faulx, Mara Hogan, Dan Collinge, Sarah Batto and I met. There should definitely be opportunity for you to engage with us as we move forward with getting the application for recertification together for 2020. We'll be in touch.

regards,

Lora

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**From:** Mike Culp <michaelculp5@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2020 18:46

**To:** lora Katz <planetlorak@hotmail.com>

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**Subject:** Re: Riverdale Sustainability Cmte TIME TO START OUR APPLICATION FOR RE-CERTIFICATION!

Sorry folks...i wont be able to make it tonight. Let me know how it goes and how i can help.  
Mike

On Tue, Feb 18, 2020, 7:12 PM lora Katz <planetlorak@hotmail.com> wrote:  
Awesome, thanks for making the connection, Sarah. Welcome to the Green Team, Dan.

Lora

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On Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 5:22 PM Sarah Batto <battosa@gmail.com> wrote:  
Hello all!

I'm adding another person to our meeting for tomorrow: Dan is my neighbor around the corner and is looking to get points for his cough\* Master Naturalist? cough\* certification requirements (I have a terrible memory!) and wants to help out! Turns out helping us with our [Sustainable MD](#) certification can get him points!

Thanks Dan!  
Sarah

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On Fri, Feb 14, 2020 at 8:20 AM lora Katz <planetlorak@hotmail.com> wrote:  
Hello!

Can you join us next **Wednesday, February 19 7pm 4801 Rittenhouse Street, Riverdale Park**? (A big thank you to the homeowners who are Green Team members, Aaron Faulx, Ward 2 Councilperson, and Mara Hogan, for hosting this meeting.)

We are getting together to get organized to move forward with our 2020 application for Sustainable Maryland re-certification which is due this June. I'm sending this message to only a portion of those folks we have on our Google - Green Team - distribution list. Do you know of someone else who wants to be involved? Please let me know, or have them come to next week's meeting.

Do you have another way you'd like to participate?

regards,

Lora Katz

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