



Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date:
November 10, 2025

Submitted by:
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Item Title: Information Memo | Green Team Update | November 2025

Work Session Item [X]
Council Meeting Item [X]

Documentation Attached:

Recommended Action:

This report provides a summary of the Green Team Meetings and actions taken for the Sustainable Maryland Certification, which will be renewed in 2027. These periodic reports to the Council and Public are made to keep the Council and Public Informed. | **No formal action is needed - Information Only**

Item Summary: The Bladensburg Green Team was launched in 2019 to bring together Town staff, volunteers, and community stakeholders to help educate, inspire, empower, and encourage residents and businesses to incorporate sustainable practices into their daily lives. The Green Team serves as an advisory group to the Town of Bladensburg, helping to identify and recommend “green sustainable” practices and programs to build a better, cleaner, and healthier community for everyone living and doing business in the Town of Bladensburg.

- Over the last year, Mr. Jefferies has provided staff support to this function and has ensured that the Town Green objectives are moved forward. He has designed new signage, and we have commissioned artwork for local schools to promote sustainability.
- This Spring, the Green Team continued its advisory role in advancing sustainability efforts across the Town. In April, the Team supported and participated in a joint tree-planting event on April 26, together with Port Towns partners and Eco City Farms, which combined community outreach, urban greening, and environmental education.
- The Green Team launched the second annual “No Mow April” initiative (also dubbed “No More April”) to allow wildflowers and native plants to flourish, thereby supporting pollinators and enhancing habitat across designated areas. This was promoted on social media and in Council meetings.
- On October 8, 2025, the Green Team held a scheduled meeting at Town Hall for agenda setting, review of unfinished business, and to advance new business items. The Town had the Clean and Green event on October 24, 2025, where new bulbs were planted and fall cleaning was done at Town Hall.
- Throughout the year, the Green Team maintained a strong focus on partnership-building (with Eco City Farms and other local sustainability-oriented organizations), community education (including youth poster contests and environmental outreach), and alignment with broader Town goals around greening, tree canopy enhancement, and public engagement.

Overall, the Green Team’s 2025 contributions reinforce the Town’s commitment to sustainable practices, resident engagement, and forward momentum toward building a greener Bladensburg.

The Town Administrator will be present to answer any questions on this matter.

Budgeted Item: Yes [X] No []
Budgeted Amount:
One-Time Cost:
Ongoing Cost:

Continued Date:

Council Priority: Yes [] No []

Approved Date: