

COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS – CHARTER & CODE CREATED COMMITTEES

**COMMITTEE WORKSHEET**  
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**Hyattsville Environment Committee**

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Hyattsville Environment Committee is to support the City (staff and City Council), businesses and residents in efforts to protect and improve Hyattsville's natural environment and its broader environmental impacts in a way that is inclusive of all residents.

The Committee will achieve this Mission by:

- Keeping the City apprised of environmental activities and initiatives,
- Advising the City on the environmental impacts of City, business and residents' activities,
- Making formal recommendations for the City to enact environmental initiatives,
- Making formal recommendations on City positions on relevant legislation, proposals, policies and other decisions at the county, state, regional and federal levels,
- Supporting City outreach and education efforts, and City and local organizational efforts to protect, restore, and enhance Hyattsville's natural environment including but not limited to clean ups, invasive removal, and tree or other plantings.

**Scope:** The Committee's role is to provide the City with recommendations and support City efforts in the following areas, and other areas relevant to protecting and restoring the natural environment:

- Protecting city parks, greenscapes, and the area's tree canopy
- Promoting environmental health
- Establishing and expanding programs that improve the environmental impacts of everyday activities, including expanded use of composting and recycling, waste and resource use reduction, sustainable landscape management, and activities that mitigate climate impacts/reduce emissions
- Encouraging greater protection of greenscapes in local development
- Improving City codes on environmental topics

**Deliverables:** The Committee will develop all materials that may be useful in providing recommendations to the City on environmental topics. This may include formal letters of support to City Council and Mayor, legislative text (in partnership with city liaisons), supplemental analyses used to support either recommendations or legislation, and written response to comments on City documents, upon request. The Committee will also help develop any documents upon the request of the City.

**Frequency of meetings:** Monthly; meetings are currently scheduled for the second Tuesday of every month. Upon necessity, the Committee may call special meetings or reschedule these meetings.

**Minimum number of meetings per year:** Ten

**Is the committee permanent or temporary:** Permanent

**Composition of members** (all wards recommended): The Committee is comprised of ten (10) members and is open to all City of Hyattsville residents. The Committee prefers at least two members from every ward. Committee members are appointed for a term of two (2) years and may be reappointed upon completion of a term. Meetings are open to all residents of the City of Hyattsville, as is the use of the Hyattsville Environment Committee email list to reach the committee. The email list for the Hyattsville Environment Committee is [hec@hyattsville.org](mailto:hec@hyattsville.org).