

# Hyattsville Environment Committee (HEC)

Meeting Minutes

April 8th, 2025

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

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**Attendees:**, Thaddeus Waterman, Melissa Schweisguth, Rayya Newman, Janet Nackoney, James Wigley, Priyanka Joshi, Guests: Maximiliano Vasquez

## Agenda Items:

1. Welcome, Committee Roll Call, & Guest Orientation.
2. Agenda Adjustment - Unanimous approval
  - a. Sustainable Maryland Presentation Moved to next month
  - b. Added City Anniversary Volunteer Opportunity
  - c. Added Feedback on Climate Action Plan (CAP) Scope of Work
3. Approval of March Meeting [Minutes](#)
  - a. Approved Unanimously
4. Public Comment Period (Comments limited to 3 minutes per person)
5. Sustainable Maryland Green Team presentation/training (1 hour) - Moved to May
6. City Anniversary Volunteer Opportunity - April 26th
  - a. Looking for two shifts of volunteers - 4 volunteers each shift
  - b. Directing residents about what containers to put specific objects into (Recycling vs Compost vs Trash)
  - c. Time slots: 3:30-5:30 pm & 5:30-7:30 pm
  - d. Reach out to Priya ([pjoshi@hyattsville.org](mailto:pjoshi@hyattsville.org)) if interested in volunteering
  - e. There may be other volunteer opportunities for the event
7. Scope of Work for hiring a contractor for putting together CAP (climate action plan)
  - a. Meeting with representatives from Prince George's County Planning on Friday
  - b. Send any questions or feedback to Priya
  - c. Questions/Comments -

- i. Greenhouse Gas Inventory is mentioned - is this something we have already completed, or being performed again?
  - 1. Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) inventory was not city-specific, and would need to perform a new one for Hyattsville. The Hyattsville-specific Greenhouse Gas Inventory would break down the city's vehicle inventory and breakdown city-owned properties specifically
- ii. Some of the sections in the "B.2 Project Summary" are sub bullet points and not necessarily individual points themselves. IE. Points 2&3 could be part of Point 1
- iii. The document should be reviewed to make sure language matches Hyattsville's scenario, some lingering mis-language that references Hyattsville as a town instead of a city
- iv. What are ways we can bring in other people/voices? Concerned that Committee members are not a true representation of Hyattsville's population
  - 1. Prince George's Planning is moving ahead to do a review, and will put a scope of work out for facilitation. We can have another meeting on what the expectations from Hyattsville are. We can put out an application process (with HEC providing thoughts) on recruiting volunteers to provide feedback
- v. How are the CAP Goals being established?
  - 1. Will be decided by Committee
- vi. Concerns about how we are doing outreach for Community feedback - more than a single outreach event needed
  - 1. Plan to do three different events
- vii. Let Priya know by Thursday for further questions/comments on this subject

## 8. Review 2025 HEC [Goals](#)

- a. Interest in adding Sustainable Maryland Certification to Goals document
  - i. Added "Support Hyattsville's efforts to renew its Sustainable Maryland Certification"
  - ii. Question/Comments
    - 1. What is HEC's role for Sustainable Maryland Certification?
    - 2. Presentation for all of the cities coming up in May. There may be a presentation/workshop component to the May event

3. HEC gives points to the City for existing. The City can also get points by promoting events
  4. Hyattsville currently has Silver Certification - three year certification cycle so City will likely need to update application this year
  5. Next month HEC is participating in a training
  6. Interest in having a meeting with Mike to learn more?
  7. Major question is what is HEC's role in the Certification process? Seems like many things are being taken on by the City, but there could be opportunities for HEC to be involved
  - b. Adjusted Document to represent 2025-2026 instead of just 2025
9. Any Other Business
10. Announcements
- a. Earth Day Clean up Saturday April 26th 11-1 at Melrose Park
    - i. Only six people registered at one site & five at another site
    - ii. Registration is open at  
<https://anacostiaws.salsalabs.org/earthday2025-melrosepark/index.html?page=register>
  - b. Healthy Homes Fair - May 10th
    - i. Opportunity to talk about Electrifying home opportunities
  - c. Does anyone have any resources about sustainability and environmental incentive actions to share with the Committee?
  - d. Interest in a HEC Happy Hour or Game Night!
  - e. Ivy Team going strong - working with HAP senior residents and will finish need calls by end of the month
11. Adjournment
- a. Unanimous approval for adjournment

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