



Sustainable Maryland Certified

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What is Sustainable Maryland Certified?

Sustainable Maryland Certified is a free and voluntary certification program for municipalities in Maryland who want to **go green**, control costs and save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term.



SMC Action Categories

- **Local Economies**
- **Planning and Land Use**
- **Community Action**
- **Health and Wellness**
- **Community Based Food**
- **Energy**
- **Green House Gas**
- **Natural resources**



Registered and Certified

- 28 registered municipalities
- 8 certified



Benefits of participating in SMC

- **Template to benchmark sustainability initiatives**
- **Facilitates community prioritization**
- **Access to tools, training, and expert guidance**
- **Network with other Maryland municipalities**
- **Cost savings through improved efficiency**
- **Recognition of efforts**
- **Useful credential for funding/training opportunities**



“The Sustainable Maryland Certification program presents a specific and accepted definition of a sustainable community. It provides an excellent platform to engage residents, businesses and elected officials and encourage them all to pursue a sustainable agenda. This tool facilitates a community's ability to prioritize from among the menu of potential actions, and then makes it easy to track progress in achieving the selected initiatives.”

--Mark Charles, Chief, Environmental Management, City of Rockville

Partner with SMC?

- **SMC check boxes on grant applications**
- **Coordinate state goals and programs into our action items**
- **Participate in the SMC Idea Fair**
- **Collect data and assist in tracking state progress**



QUESTIONS?

