



Mayor's Environmental Policy Task Force Virtual Meeting Notes

Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020 5:30-6:30 pm via Zoom

Discussion included:

1. Task Force timeline overview
Draft completed by November 1st
Review recommendations and vote in November
Present to Mayor and Council in December
2. Subcommittee updates
Each group gave an update of where they are in the process.
 - a. Public Open Space – created a vision statement:

The Parks and Open Spaces Subcommittee was guided by a shared vision of what Salisbury, MD should look like in the year 2100:

“The Parks and Open Spaces Subcommittee envisions a City of Salisbury, in the year 2100, that is filled with vibrancy, prosperity, equity, and healthy abundant life of all kinds.

The Subcommittee envisions a diverse and thriving Salisbury with public open space access within a 10-minute walk of every resident, varied forms of active and passive recreation, ample access to clean waterways, a vast tree canopy, limited impervious surfaces, near-zero stormwater runoff, sustainable infrastructure and practices, and multi-modal transportation safely interweaving between neighborhoods.

Under the oversight and guidance of a collaborative mix of engaged residents, community leaders, business owners, and City administration, the City of Salisbury will host healthy landscapes and healthy habitat for families, birds, pollinators, and native flora and fauna – while prioritizing climate resilience, connectivity, aesthetic beauty and sustainability.”

4 recommendations: properly staffed Parks Division, establish various sustainable policies and procedures with necessary education and outreach (pesticide, invasive species, tree planting), Citywide parks and open space master plan, and increase collaboration between City departments, committees and community partners.

- b. Water and Wastewater – In facing: gray water infrastructure and stormwater, outreach – watershed pledge, logging rain barrels, increase water conservation efforts using education



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- c. Energy – City vehicles, electric vehicles for the City, purchase in bulk, PPP for citizens, Honeywell energy audit recommendations, Delmarva Power energy demand response options, green building code revamp, City owned vs not City owned, enforce energy code, require signed stamped COM check, LEED certifications
- d. Transportation and Sustainable Design – zoning cluster options and density, transfer development rights, reduced lot sizes, preserving open space, solid waste and recycling, stormwater – enhanced floodplain options, stream restoration
- e. Education and Outreach – Recycling, and environmental health, use less water, household plumbing leaks, energy star appliances, household rain barrel program. Best Tasting Water, meets EPA standards, reduce plastic water bottle use. Public drinking water stations for water bottle refill. Pharmaceutical disposal sites to keep out of waste stream.

Overlap – education/water/WW (These groups will coordinate via email)

3. Expectations for next meeting

Write ups by mid to late October (1 page per recommendation)

Template in website – note priority questions

Not looking for dollar analysis for costs – can note long term return on investment vs initial costs

Recommendations 1 week prior to next meeting

Two meetings closer together – receive comments then more formal discussion and group voting to get to top 5 – 7 recommendations, identify highest priorities

Finalize recommendations in October

Meeting week prior to Thanksgiving and follow up meeting a week or two after

4. Adjourned 6:20 pm.