

The Boonsboro Environmental Commission (BEC)

Fourth Annual Report

January 2016 – December 2016

- Established a Market Manager for the 2016 Boonsboro Farmers Market.
- Hosted a Farmers Market vendors meeting which was attended by 20 vendors.
- Updated the rules and regulations for the Farmers Market
- Created and issued a Farmers Market customer survey.
- Held a Kids Night theme at the June 28th Farmers Market.
- Established a Farmers Market Board and a working charter for responsibilities of the Board.
- Held a Farmers Market logo contest, the winning logo:



- Hosted Mike Hunninghake, Program Manager for Sustainable Maryland Certified for a review on recertification.
- Created a Tree subcommittee in conjunction with the Park Board.
- The Tree subcommittee hosted Becky Wilson from Maryland's Department of Resources (DNR) Urban Forestry Program for an informational presentation.
- Received the "Tree City USA Certification" for the town.
- Worked with the Park Board to host an Arbor Day event which included park clean up and starting a GIS based tree inventory for future use with iTree.
- Jointly discussed park land opportunity with the Park Board
- Created a Waste Reduction and Recycling Guide that was distributed to town residents via the quarterly water and sewer bill.
- Supported the signing of the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge and began follow up action items including hosting Sandy Sagalkin from Monarch Watch for a talk on the benefits of Monarch Waystations, forming a Monarch waystation sub-committee, providing a donation and guidance for a Monarch Waystation Eagle Scout project, and recommended to Mayor and Council approval of a Monarch Waystation Eagle Scout project.
- BEC member attended the Zero Waste Class in Frederick, MD.
- BEC member attended Sustainable Maryland Certified training in Hagerstown, MD.
- Approved a winter intern to work with the Town Engineer helping with inputting water infrastructure data into GIS.
- Worked with DNR on the donation of 15 trees to the Town to replace diseased trees.
- Assisted in coordination and participated in Bulk Trash Day held at Shafer Park
- Sponsored and manned a BEC informational tent at Green Fest.
- Worked with the Boonsboro Municipal Utilities Commission on an updated Water Conservation Plan

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Awards/Certifications

- Received the **Tawes Award for a Clean Environment** by the Maryland Department of the Environment in 2014.
 - The BEC received this award for promoting a healthy environment through sound conservation and sustainable practices, encouraging responsible waste management and energy and resource conservation.
- Received **Sustainable Maryland Certified** status in 2014
 - A certification program for municipalities in Maryland that want to go green, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life.
- Designated **Maryland Smart Energy Communities (MSEC)** in 2014.
 - Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy
- Received the **People Loving and Nurturing Trees (PLANT)** Community award in 2014 and 2015
 - Boonsboro received the GREEN AWARD in 2015 which represents the highest PLANT honor.
- Received **Tree City USA** Certification in 2015 and 2016
 - Boonsboro has met four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

On the Horizon

- Continue the Boonsboro Farmer Market and promote buy local efforts
- Work towards completing additional Mayors' Monarch Pledge actions items.
- Work towards more residential composting.
- Work with other Town Commissions towards creation of a Town Beautification Program.
- Work with the Public Safety Commission on making our crosswalks safer, including the possible addition of LED pedestrian traffic signs.
- Maintain Certifications as a TreeCity USA and PLANT Community
- Achieve re-certification of Sustainable Maryland Certified
- Continue implementation of energy audit to reduce energy and promote efficiency
- Work with other Commissions to promote water conservation
- Work with other Commissions to achieve Sustainable Community status through MD DHCD
- Continue public education efforts
- Evaluate options for Community garden

Respectfully Submitted,

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Boonsboro Environmental Commission