

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**College Park Committee for a Better Environment**  
**Monday, February 22, 2021**  
**7 pm**  
**Location: Online meeting – Zoom (see instructions)**  
**Agenda is subject to change**

- Amendments to and/or approval of this agenda
- Review and approve January minutes (attached)
- Report on City activities and CBE budget – Janet McCaslin.

**Ongoing Business**

- Sustainability survey -- update
  - Labeling trees on the trolley trail
  - Green Awards – Nominations?
  - Green Tip of the Month for January?
  - Zoom session on alternatives to plastics, or how to repair
  - Other?
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- Tree and Landscape Board report.

**New Business**

- Plans for 2021. See information regarding the College Park University-City Partnership's Vision 2030 report and the goals for the City's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. How should CBE help to ensure that goals in these two documents are met? Do we additional goals we'd like to encourage the city to adopt?
  1. increasing access to composting/increase recycling rates – we've provided a SMART/Pay As You Throw proposal to Mayor and Council and joined a Council meeting about it. We've also encouraged Mayor and Council to institute curbside compost. See the letter we sent to Council in 2019 encouraging curbside composting (attachment). We could update and resend.
  2. encourage greater appreciation of trees (Labeling project), and support Tree and Landscape Board efforts to address tree canopy loss.
  3. neither entity mentions reducing toxic pesticides/herbicides, which harms pollinators, and other beneficial insects, and human health. We could encourage the city to support County and/or State bills limiting toxic pesticides. We could also educate residents about alternatives to Roundup and other toxic products.
  4. Other?

**Next Meeting:** March 22, 2021

## City-University Partnership 10-year plan

The 2030 Vision plan is here: <https://collegeparkpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/FINAL-University-Community-Vision-2030.pdf>

The included goals regarding Improve Green Infrastructure and Vision

- Increase existing tree canopy
- Develop targeted waste and recycling strategies for residences, offices and retail businesses including composting
- Work toward net zero carbon emission by 2035/2040
- Enhance watershed restoration and stormwater management
- Enhance placemaking and public art

Metrics to track:

- Total waste on a per capita basis
- Percentage of impervious surface; captured and absorbed rainfall
- Total emissions on a per capita basis

Although on p. 45, they indicate that greening the city is a lower priority item.

The document also separates out the goals/metrics regarding greening transportation on pp. 24-26 re: goals, strategies and metrics.

## City 5-year plan

The adopted goals from November 2020 are available: <https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2595/Council-Adopted-5-Yr-OKRs?bidId=>

Goals re: Sustainability:

1. 14% increase in the positive ratings of the quality of overall natural environment (61% to 75%)
2. 21% increase in the positive ratings of overall appearance (49% to 70%)
3. 10% decrease in City-wide greenhouse gas emissions (486,277 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2018 to 437,649 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2025)
4. 10% decrease in tons of household and bulk refuse collected by the City (5,056 tons in FY20 to 4,550 tons in 2025)
5. 10% increase in tons of curbside and miscellaneous recycling collected by the City (1,392 tons in FY20 to 1,531 in 2025)
6. 2% increase in the tree canopy coverage (from 38% in 2018 to 40% in 2025) Note: the estimated coverage was 44% in 2009 and 40% in 2014.

The document does not mention stormwater management, which is a big issue and the Partnership does mention.

The goals/metrics around transportation in the 5-year plan are very specific:

1. 13% increase in positive ratings of ease of walking (62% to 75%)
2. 19% increase in positive ratings of ease of bicycle travel (56% to 75%)
3. 20% increase in positive ratings of ease of travel by public transportation in (55% to 75%)
4. 13% increase in positive ratings of ease of travel by car (42% to 55%)
5. 100% of City streets meet a quality standard of level 5 or lower (maintain current **standard**)
6. 10% decrease in the total daily car trips on Baltimore Ave originating in College Park (**X to Y**)
7. 5,000 linear feet of additional sidewalks
8. 15,000 linear feet of additional bike lanes
9. College Park's average Walk Score across Districts is X (average of middle address **of each neighborhood**)
10. 10 % decrease usage of cars for commuting to work (from 46% to 36%)

**We could factor this into our plans as a committee in terms of what goals we might want to focus on:**

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2. encourage greater appreciation of trees (Labeling project), and support Tree and Landscape Board efforts to address tree canopy loss.
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4. Other?