

Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board

Priorities Voting Exercise November 12, 2015

Agriculture and Food Policy

Roving Radish Expansion	12
Incubator Farm Program: small farming or experimental farming lease space	8
Institute an Ugly Fruit program to find uses for less aesthetically pleasing produce.	8
Agriculture Ombudsman to educate farmers about programs and resources available to them as well as required regulations	7
Assess viability of implementing Food Task Force recommendations	7
Support deer hunting and management programs, and install crop damage deer cooler in the west	6
Hire part-time, seasonal County Community Garden manager	6
Accept SNAP card at Farmers Markets	5
Expand Roving Radish to provide local produce and proteins to local restaurants.	5
Support School System composting	5
Support Ag science programs in schools or after school	5
Neighbor education of right to farm	4
Explore CSA membership by HC employees as an additional incentive for Ho Co Employee wellness incentives program	4
Put bees on the rooftops of County Buildings	3
Open Roving Radish Kitchen to HC Farmers for processing work.	3
Value Added Product emphasis	1

Vermiculture at the Roving Radish	1
Develop Food Recycling App	1
total section votes percent of total vote	91 33

Energy Management

Increased telecommuting and flex schedule opportunities for county employees	11
Develop incentives for clean energy, which will bring jobs to the area.	9
Evaluate regulations to allow solar farms on Ag Pres land.	7
Institute local credits for renewable energy in the commercial and residential sectors	7
Investigate fleet CNG/ & EV	5
Measure government energy usage and associated costs and publicize	5
Assess viability of implementing specific proposals from the Climate Action Plan	5
Program to fund deposits on solar projects (PACE)	3
Institute no idling policy for county vehicles	3
Buy more Renewable Energy Credits (RECs)	2
Support local high performance building tax credits	2
Update Climate Action Plan Goals	1
Evaluate feasibility of implementing energy use standards for the land development process.	1
Education on rebates and audits offered by power companies.	1
Develop methods to increase public transit use	1

total section votes	63
percent of total vote	23

Water Quality

Support trading of nutrient credits between sectors	12
Support nutrient trading if within a subwatershed in order to minimize marginalization of subwatersheds	3
Full funding to meet MS4 and WIP. Retain Watershed Protection Fee.	11
Increase incentives available for private property water quality initiatives, including ag properties.	9
Monitor for pollutants at downstream impacts (cumulative monitoring)	7
Increase Ho Co deer management efforts, including deer hunts	6
Monitor to answer research questions	5
Educate public about the uses of money collected through the Watershed Protection Fee.	4
Use Watershed Protection Fee to Fundmoney for HOA projects	3
Address Septic Issues	3
Recognition program for those choosing to address water quality on their property	1
total section votes	64
percent of vote	24

Green Infrastructure Network

Update Forest Conservation Manual to include disincentives for developing areas within the GIN	11
Put GIN into plan review process	11
Ban use of J. Barberry and Bush Honeysuckle on county property and sale of these species county wide	9
Develop an easement program and set a metric for % we hope to protect per year	7
Develop education for the community on the public benefits provided by, and the local presence of, a GIN.	6
Educate county staff about the GIN in order to fully use GIN as a planning and prioritization tool	4
Develop habitat management plans for hubs and corridors	4
Update Landscape Manual - invasive species section	2
total section votes percent of vote	54
total votes	272
17 votes	