



HOWARD COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD  
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## **2014 Annual Report The Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board**

To the Howard County Executive and County Council:

It is our privilege to submit to you the 2014 Annual Report of the *Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board*.

The Howard County Sustainability Board is completing its 7<sup>th</sup> year of service to the County Council and the County Executive. We have advised the council and the administration on a wide range of issues. Past annual reports went into detail on these activities. This year being an election year, we have chosen to list the activities of the board over the past 7 years to provide you and incoming officials an idea of the breadth of issues that we considered.

Over the past 7 years, the ESB has initiated, participate in, and/or reviewed the following initiatives:

### **Energy**

Created an Energy Task Force and Report

Reviewed and tracked the Climate Action Plan

Tracked progress of energy manager and energy efficiency efforts in buildings and fleets

Tracked range of energy initiatives including solar, EV, landfill gas, EPC, and sewage treatment upgrades

### **Land Preservation and Restoration**

Promoted the preservation of land via Program Open Space funding and easements

Reviewed Patapsco Heritage Greenway certification progress

Created committee working with BGE and CLEER on Integrated Vegetation Mgmt. of right-of-ways

### **Responsible Stormwater Management**

Evaluated impacts of current stormwater management system on water quality and quantity

Discussed impacts of the Bay TMDL Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs)

Supported a Model Stormwater Neighborhood Plan

Sponsored stormwater conferences with PATH, CA, LWV

Recommended the READY Youth Conservation Corps Rain Garden program

Strategic Planning Retreat with County Executive and encouraged creation of SW Utility  
Participated in Stormwater Task Force  
Testimony before the County Council on Storm Water

### **Transportation**

Evaluated environmental impacts of proposed CSX Intermodal facility as per CC Resolution  
Reviewed Complete Streets and Bike Master Plan proposals  
Reviewed the Plans for the County's Mass Transit System  
Participated in Fuel Stations Task Force

### **Health**

Recommended creation of and participated in the HC Food Council Task Force  
Recommended that a community health assessment screening be part of DPZ  
Proposed the Healthy Communities Initiative and wrote Healthy Homes Report  
Reviewed the Department of Rec and Parks 5 year Master Plan

### **Planning and Zoning**

Reviewed the 2030 General Plan and testified before County Council  
Reviewed issues and reported status of Wood Waste Siting Plans to County Council as per CC Resolution  
Participated in Wood Waste Task Force  
Reviewed the Green Infrastructure Network and hosted initial public meetings  
Reviewed the DPZ Water Resources Element (WRE) Evaluation of Genuine Progress Indicators for county  
Tracked stormwater waivers

### **Sustainability Planning and Education**

Reported progress of county on goals of the HC Commission on Sustainability  
Participated in Downtown Redevelopment forums to encourage sustainability principles in design manuals, preservation of trees, and creation of a sustainable cities institute  
Tracked progress of county with sustainability metrics (SCORE)  
Pushed for the adoption of sound sustainability practices throughout County Government  
Worked closely with the Office of Environmental Sustainability in debating priorities

### **Community Outreach**

Initiated and supported Greenfest  
Hosted the Annual Sustainability Summit  
Hosted the Green Screen student video contest  
Reviewed and supported development of LiveGreenHoward webportal  
Supported student-led panel discussion on successful environmental projects in Howard County schools  
Supported the initiation of the Watershed Stewards Academy  
Supported the initiation of the Master Naturalist Program  
Supported the initiation of the Legacy Leadership for the Environment Institute  
Support of Green Business Council

Supported monthly meetings of the Earth Forum

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact us. Further information can also be found on our website. <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DisplayPrimary.aspx?id=4294967884>

Sincerely,



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