



Rockville's Environment Commission and Committees

The Environment Commission is a nine-member group of Rockville residents, consisting of individuals with an environment-related career or interest. One commission seat is reserved for a student member. The commission holds official meetings monthly. These meetings are always open to the public.

The purpose of this commission is to recommend policies and programs to the Mayor and Council relating to the environment. Core to this mission is promoting a sustainable community through initiatives relating to natural resource management and development, energy efficiency, watershed stewardship and protection, pollution prevention and public education.



Environmental Volunteerism

Committees of the Environment Commission also meet monthly. Unlike the commission, whose members are appointed by the Mayor and Council for three-year terms, the committees are comprised of volunteers who live or work within Rockville. Committee members are interested in promoting sound energy and climate policy, helping to protect the local watersheds and water resources, or helping to promote environmental outreach, education and recognition in Rockville.



Sustainable Development and Energy Committee

It is impossible to overstate the role of energy in the modern world. It is ubiquitous in our daily lives, with issues ranging in scope from the global geopolitical debate of energy independence and climate change down to replacing a single incandescent light bulb with a compact fluorescent lamp (CFL). To address

the myriad issues revolving around energy, the Environment Commission formed a committee to develop guidelines and recommendations to the Mayor and Council on policies such as energy efficiency, climate protection, green buildings and renewable energy.



Watersheds Committee

Clean drinking water, healthy aquatic life and decreasing harmful contaminant input are important components and services of healthy aquatic systems. Watersheds are affected by modification and development on the land. The Watersheds Committee assures that land management and development activities are undertaken in ways that are consistent with healthy watersheds. The committee develops guidelines and recommendations to the Mayor and Council on policy matters that ensure watersheds are properly managed. Topics covered include stormwater management, review of watershed studies, impervious surface issues, setback recommendations, water quality monitoring and water quality impacts.



Outreach Committee

With the dizzying array of environmental information out there, it is often hard to get a straight answer on issues. The Environment Commission set up the Outreach Committee to do just that. This group looks for the best ways to convey messages to residents and local businesses. Additionally, the committee leads or participates in environmental summits and third party events such as Earth Day, Science Day and Hometown Holidays. It also gathers information about environmental concerns and priorities in Rockville, promotes "green" successes through Environmental Excellence Awards, and networks with sister governmental and environmental groups to enhance impact.

If you would like to attend a meeting or find out more about joining the commission or one of its committees, please visit www.rockvillemd.gov/government/commissions/ec/ or e-mail environment@rockvillemd.gov.



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