

Draft Agenda
Rockville Environment Commission
Thursday , November 5, 2020
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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7:00	1. Convene , Welcome, Introductions	Chair Clark Reed
	2. Agenda Review ; Approval of October meeting summary	
7:05	3. Community Forum	Guests
7:10	4. Chair Report	Chair Clark Reed
7:20	5. Mayor and Council Report	Hon. Monique Ashton
7:30	6. Committee Reports - Also include ideas on issues, initiatives, or priorities for REC consideration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Watersheds Committee - Climate Action Committee - Energy Committee 	Ted Stauderman Monica Saavoss Chair Reed
7:45	7. Sustainable Maryland Certification and REC 2021 Work Plan Hear an overview of the Sustainable Maryland re-certification process and REC roles. Discuss additional ideas for REC 2021 Work Plan, priorities and goals.	Erica Shingara Chair Reed
8:10	8. Rockville Climate Action Plan - Updates and Open House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff will share Boards and Commissions feedback, and survey responses. - Discuss agenda and roles for virtual Open House Tuesday, November 17, 7p.m. - 9p.m. Practice WebEx break-out group and poll features. 	Amanda Campbell, All
8:30	9. Staff Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Mayor and Council will discuss Pesticide Law at January 25th meeting. - Staff submitted the Maryland Energy Administration Smart Energy Communities Annual Report. The city's energy use intensity decreased 3% over last decade. - Staff successfully submitted annual report to MEA to comply with National Pollution Discharge and Elimination System permit for stormwater and annual report for sedimentation and erosion control program. - Staff is applying for Maryland fleets and solar/microgrid technical assistance and a City Hall lighting grant. - The City Hall energy audit project with Pepco is moving forward in internal 	

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reviews. Staff hopes to gain approval to apply for the program by the end of 2020.

- The Mayor and Council is submitting a slate of comments opposing the I270 Draft Environmental Impact Statement and widening plans by the November 9 comment deadline.
- Montgomery County's green building tax credit was provided renewed funding that can be utilized by Rockville commercial building owners.
- The county is in the design phase for a bus rapid transit route along Veirs Mill that will have several stops in Rockville.
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/VeirsMillBRT/>
- Tree Giveaway: The Environmental Management Division, in partnership with the Forestry Division, hosted the socially distant Rockville Fall Tree Giveaway on Saturday, October 10 at the Rockville Senior Center. Registrations for the giveaway filled up in just three days and over 150 residents adopted 300 native trees at the event.
- RainScapes Program: The City's RainScapes Rebate Program received a record number of applications for the 2021 fiscal year and is no longer accepting new applications at this time. Applications should reopen in June 2021.
- Volunteer Programs: The City of Rockville is providing safe environmental volunteer activities and student service-learning hour opportunities this fall through the Rockville Weed Warrior Program and Adopt-A-Stream Program. Events are following safety protocols to protect against the spread of COVID-19 including required face coverings, social distancing of 6 feet and a limited volunteer capacity at each event.
- Weed Warrior Workdays: Volunteer Weed Warrior Leaders with the Rockville Weed Warrior Program, in coordination with the City's Environmental Management Division and Department of Recreation and Parks, have been hosting weekly, socially distant volunteer workdays to remove non-native invasive plants in priority areas of City parks and provide student service learning hours to local students. Twelve workdays involving over 164 volunteers have taken place since August 2020. Learn more about the program at www.rockvillemd.gov/weedwarriors.
- Adopt-A-Stream: The Adopt-A-Stream Program supported nine stream cleanups that have taken place this fall. Events include the Maryvale Stream Cleanup hosted by the Rockville Environment Commission that took place on Saturday, October 10 and the Twinbrook Stream Cleanup hosted by the Environmental Management Division on Saturday, October 24. Over 171 volunteers cleaned up over 100 bags of trash from Rockville streams through the program. Learn more at <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/636/Adopt-a-Stream>.
- Upcoming events:
 - o Virtual H2O Summit Friday, November 13, 1pm-4pm
 - o Montgomery County Virtual Energy Summit, November 17-19
 - o Stream Clean-up Dec. 5
 - o Sustainable Maryland Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training for Green Teams is moved to March, 2021.

8:40 10. New Business

Chair Reed,
All

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General information

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