

Rockville Environment Commission

September 30, 2026

REPORT TO ROCKVILLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2026 (JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026)

Will McClain, Chair

About the Commission

Nine Members (1 Vacancy)

Three Subcommittees:

- ❖ Energy Committee
- ❖ Climate Action Committee
- ❖ Watersheds Committee





Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan



Help Rockville Get Ready for EVs!

The City of Rockville is developing the city's first Electric Vehicle (EV) Readiness Plan. Many residents and fleet managers already recognize the benefits of converting to electric fuel sources. Electric vehicles cost less to operate, produce no exhaust, improve air



REGISTER to get involved and provide input!

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CITY OF ROCKVILLE
CLIMATE ACTION PLAN



Approved by Rockville
Mayor and Council
January 10, 2022

Climate Action Plan and EV Plan

- ❖ Support Climate Action Plan and EV Plan in City Budget and MD Legislation
- ❖ Provide feedback on webpages, annual reports
- ❖ Support public outreach and implementation



Public Outreach

- ❖ Bird City – supported and pledged application funding
- ❖ Solar Switch Together/Co-op Farmer's Market outreach:
 - ❖ **10 Saturdays in FY2026**
 - ❖ **Partnered with Montgomery Energy Connection and Salt Watch**
- ❖ Participating in and Co-hosting Climate Solutions Talks:
 - ❖ Flood Resiliency Open House
 - ❖ Solar 101
- ❖ Promoted citizen science, electric vehicles, energy incentives, recycling, composting, flood rebates, RainScapes and more!

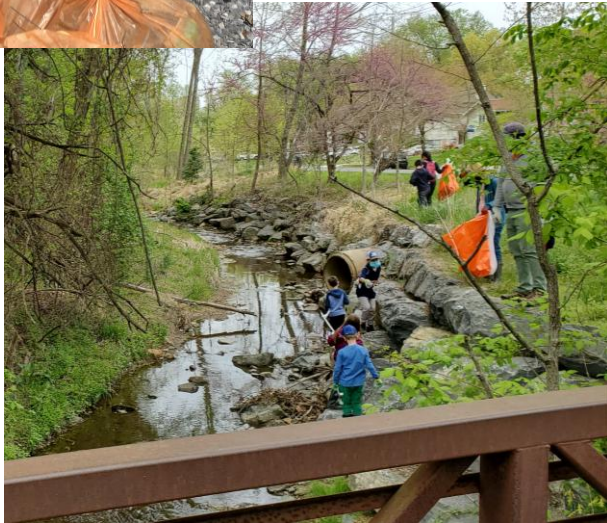
Promoting Switch Together Solar Cooperative Purchase Program

2025 Solar Co-op Results:

- 103 accepted offers
- 87 paid deposits
- 14 installations completed as of December 2, 2025 at Rockville addresses

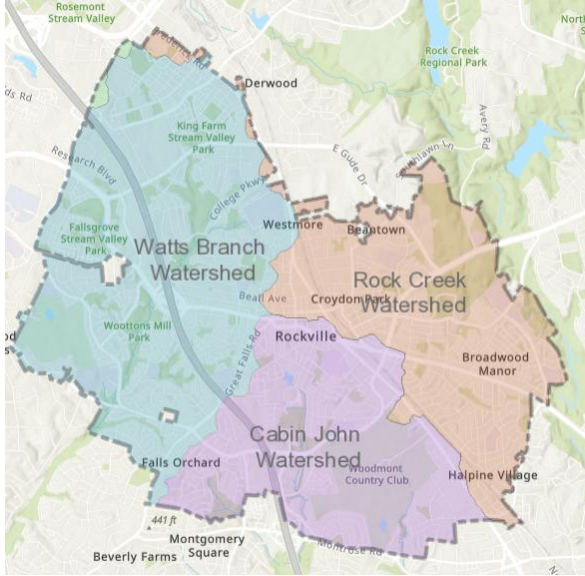
Switch Together Solar Co-op open is through **November 18, 2026.**





Watershed Stewardship

- ❖ Hosted 3 Maryvale stream cleanups in FY 2026
- ❖ Outreach with Watershed Education Displays
- ❖ Engaged with local community (Rock Creek Conservancy, Friends of Cabin John)



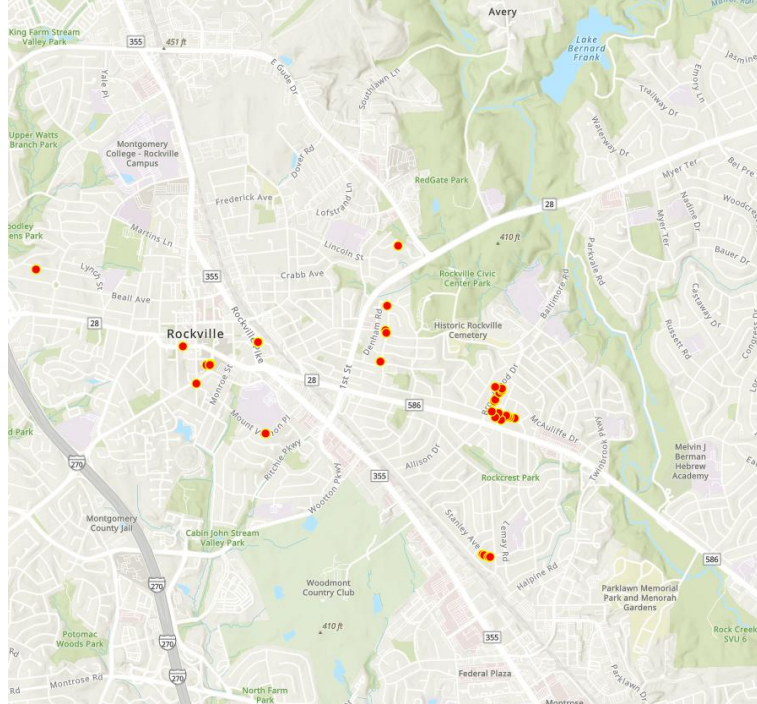
Salt Water Quality Testing

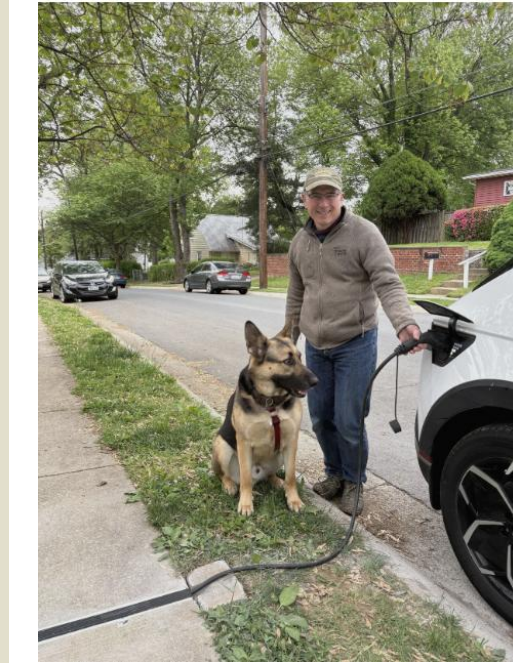
- ❖ The Environment Commission sponsors the Watershed Committee's initiative to conduct salt monitoring in Rockville streams
- ❖ Conducted in partnership with local watershed groups and Izaak Walton League of America
- ❖ Izaak Walton League participated in Farmer's Market outreach on salt in streams



Citizen Science – Methane Detection Pilot Project

- ❖ In 2024 the Environment Commission began piloting use of a methane detector to measure methane or “natural gas” infrastructure leaks at gas caps in sidewalks
- ❖ Washington Gas is notified of any detectable leaks over a critical threshold
- ❖ Tested 45 caps. All reported minimal or zero methane except 1 resulted in call to Washington Gas.
- ❖ Results are included on a dashboard





Accomplishments - Rockville Policy

- ❖ Supported Mayor & Council's opt-in to County **Bring Your Own Bag Law**, effective Jan. 1, 2026
- ❖ Submitted Comments to Mayor & Council on solar, EV charging in **Zoning Ordinance Re-write** (Chapter 25)
- ❖ Provided feedback on the Forest and Tree Ordinance Update
- ❖ Reviewed **Climate Action Plan/EV Plan Annual Reports** and dashboards
- ❖ Supported facility **Building Energy Performance Improvement CIP (GA27)** in **City Budget**
- ❖ Reviewed and supported **Curbside Charging Guidance** and Permitting process, supporting the first installation in a public right-of-way of sidewalk channel charging!
- ❖ Monitored County gas leaf blower ban



State Advocacy

Recommended Mayor and Council provide written testimony to support:

❖ 2026

- ❖ Transportation Climate Alignment Act
- ❖ Affordable Solar Act
- ❖ Community Choice Aggregation for County program



2026-2027 WORK PLAN -- Outreach

- ❖ Affordable Solar with **Switch Together** (C-09)
- ❖ **Bird City** recognition and support*
- ❖ Efficiency + electrification (C-06, FM-03, C-05)
 - ❖ Montgomery County **Home Electrification Incentives**
 - ❖ **Pepco Home Performance with Energy Star**
- ❖ Green Home Open House – September 27
- ❖ Fugitive **Methane Leak Detection**
- ❖ **Stream clean-ups**
- ❖ **Salt monitoring**
- ❖ **Sustainable Maryland** re-certification application
- ❖ Recommend **Environmental Excellence Awards***
- ❖ **Earth Day** Proclamation*
- ❖ Farmer's Market Outreach

*Potential Mayor and Council agenda items

2026-2027 WORK PLAN – Policies & Plans

- ❖ Ongoing **Climate Action Plan** implementation support
- ❖ **Flood Resiliency Master Plan** development*
- ❖ Chapter 10 - **City Floodplain Ordinance** Updates (M-13)*
- ❖ Contribute to **Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion** in Rockville environment
- ❖ Support development of **Sustainable Procurement Policy** (M-10)
- ❖ Support **Green Space Management Plan** development (M-09)
- ❖ Support **EV Readiness Plan implementation** (C-11)* Chapter 23 updates
- ❖ Maryland **2026 environmental legislation** advocacy*
- ❖ Environmental Items in **City Budget***
- ❖ City NPDES permit outreach/review/support

*Potential Mayor and Council agenda items

Rockville Environment Commission

Current Commission Members

Will McClain (Current Chair)

Cindy McCabe

Deborah Landau

Clark Reed

Pavitra Srinivasan

Christy Jin

Max Sanborn

1 Vacancy

Former Commissioners serving 2025 - 2026

Sasha Mushegian, Summer White, Bijal Patel

Mayor and Council Liaison: Hon. Adam Van Grack

Staff Liaison: Amanda Campbell

Staff Supervisor: Erica Shingara

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