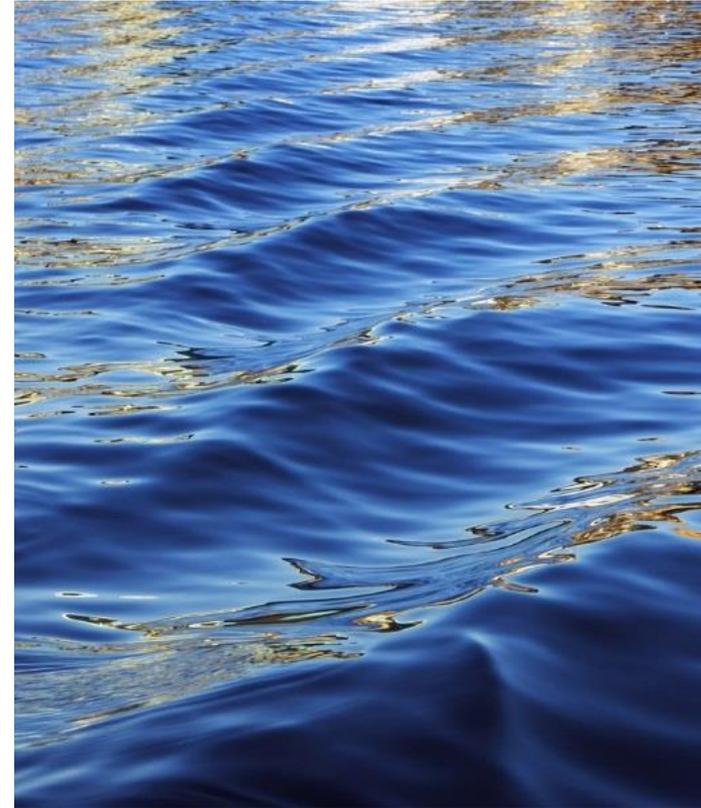


Sustainable Brentwood

Green Team
Tree Committee
Native Plant Network

Update 05-16-2023



Re-cap from March

Clean-up days, local food and garden activities help improve residents' health and protect our natural resources

3/25 Brentwood Native Plant Network kick-off at Town Hall

- Focus: native plants and how they help our town manage stormwater, pollution, erosion and health
- About 25 people attended

4/22 Earth Day clean-up with Anacostia Watershed Society

- Thanks to Julia Reardin for organizing that successful event this year while our long-time Earth Day coordinator Kurt Becker was out of town.

4/22 Capital Area Native Plant sale

- Liz Marshall and former councilmember Jerry Burgess coordinate this event
- This was the largest sale with over 5000 plant plugs in over 200 orders
- Multiple neighbors volunteered with the sale

4/22-23 Veg, herb, spring flower sale with neighbors Ashley May and Andy Overton

4/23 spring clean-up native plants at Upshur Park

5/6 Arbor Day special planting in Bartlett Park

- From 1976 to 1994 the town was awarded Tree City USA recognition six times and we were recertified in 2018, 2021 and 2022.



Upcoming Activities

5/21 Sunday 9AM First-ever Brentwood Native Plant Garden Tour

- Start at Upshur & 34th Street and we'll tour some homeowner gardens within a five-block radius.
- Tour themes: turning a yard from grass to native garden, butterfly host plants, what's that plant *really* look like and do?
- In the case of inclement weather, the tour will be rescheduled. This is a family-friendly event.

5/31/23 Wednesday Deadline for artist submissions. Brentwood Native Plant Network is designing yard signs. Let us know if you know a Brentwood resident who's an artist and interested in submitting a proposal design. CM3@brentwoodmd.gov

6/3 11AM – 5PM Brentwood Day

Visit the Brentwood Green Team / Tree Committee / Native Plant Network with Chesapeake Natives table

6/17 9AM – 11AM Brentwood Green Team / Tree Committee / Native Plant Network community meeting

Meet at Town Hall 4300 39th Place
Family-friendly with snacks & coffee



Background Information & History



Learn about
the
Brentwood Green Team
Tree Committee
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Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinances

- [Ordinance 2013-01 \(PDF\)](#) - Mulch Fee
- [Ordinance 2018-05 \(PDF\)](#) - Sediment Control
- [Ordinance 2018-04 \(PDF\)](#) - Brush, Grass and Weeds Ordinance

Resolutions

- [Resolution 2011-03 \(PDF\)](#) - Sustainable Maryland Certified Program
- [Resolution 2013-17 \(PDF\)](#) - Application for Sustainable Community
- [Resolution 2016-08 \(PDF\)](#) - Renew Energy Policy
- [Resolution 2016-11 \(PDF\)](#) - Energy Efficiency Policy
- [Resolution 2016-10 \(PDF\)](#) - Petroleum Reduction Policy
- [Resolution 2017-09 \(PDF\)](#) - Creation Of Sustainability Committee
- [Resolution 2017-11 \(PDF\)](#) - Sustainable Purchasing Policy
- [Resolution 2018-02 \(PDF\)](#) - Green Energy Policy
- [Resolution 2021-04 \(PDF\)](#) - Appointment of Chair to Green Team/Tree Committee
- [Resolution 2023-05 \(PDF\)](#) – Appointment of Chair to Green Team/Tree Committee

What does the Sustainable Brentwood Green Team / Tree Committee do?

- Provides the leadership to develop plans, coordinate activities, and assist with educational opportunities that fall within the framework of the Town of Brentwood's goals and plans for a better tomorrow that delivers a healthier, more livable and sustainable town for Brentwood residents, businesses and the community
- Unifies resident interests and activities around: community action, community-based food systems, renewable energy, greenhouse gas reduction, community health and wellness, waste reduction & recycling, local economies (green / local business), climate resilience, natural resources, planning & land use, quality of life, transportation
- Studies, investigates, counsels, develops and/or annually updates and administers a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas. The plan, presented and approved by Town Council, becomes the Official Comprehensive Town Tree Plan for the Town. A tree may be removed by recommendation of the Committee and the State Forester and approval of the Mayor and Town Council if it is affected by untreatable injurious fungus, insect or other pests.

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Brentwood Green Team

Brentwood Green Team is one of 75 Green Teams acknowledged by Sustainable Maryland.

Green Teams differ from conservancy boards, environmental committees, and planning commissions because the focus is on completing actions required for Sustainable Maryland certification.



Brentwood Code § 283-3 The Town Tree Committee

Creation. There shall be created a committee to be known and designated as the "Town Tree Committee" composed of five members. The terms of the members shall be three years. All members shall serve without pay. Vacancies caused by death, resignations or otherwise shall be filled by the Mayor with the approval of the Council.



Sub-committee



Brentwood Native Plant Network

To restore biodiversity to our community, residents and volunteers will educate, encourage, and assist residents, apartment owners, businesses and our local governments with planting and documenting native plants on their properties.

Anyone can participate by planting or maintaining native plants in their yard.

Get informed. Get involved. Make a difference.

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