



Town of Brentwood Council Update

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Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Planning Assistance for Municipalities and Communities (PAMC)

A longstanding program, PAMC was reinvigorated in 2018 with annual funding by the County Council. Over \$1.5 million has been invested since then on 27 projects, many undertaken using consultant expertise. These short-term projects produce timely plans and studies for the subjects that municipalities, communities and organizations are interested in most.

- Short-term (12-18 month) plans and studies with achievable outcomes
- Projects further implement the policies, strategies and recommendations of the County's approved plans
- Engagement with municipalities and communities helps build planning capacity at local level

**Sustainable
Brentwood & North Brentwood
\$213,135
Begins January**

**Flooding and Stormwater Hazard and Risk
Management Analysis for both the Town of
Brentwood and the Town of North Brentwood
Brentwood Climate Action Plan**



Identify all flooding/stormwater risks
Identify mitigation measures



Strategies to reduce/eliminate hazards
Sustainability and climate action goal
establishment



Sustainability-themed Placemaking Event
Community engagement and outreach



Final Climate Action Plan
Final Risk Management Analysis

Tree Committee 2024 Plan

Due Date	Activity	Lead
January 27, 10AM	Ivy removal from trees	Nigel
February	Info package on care and maintenance guidance for residents	Lauren
March	Tree health update walk and identification of replacement, pruning, removal, new planting - includes Rhode Island Avenue	Savannah
April Last Friday of the month	Arbor Day event Include possible tree replacement	Gary, Savannah
June	Town code, care, practices – research	Jason/Jacob/Lauren
Placemaking event	Community Survey	Sara
November	Seed collection day for kids	Gary
	Grants – identify best fit, timeline, recommend application	TBD
	Tree maintenance workshop, include right tree, right place guidance	in partnership with MD DNR

Get involved with the Tree Committee – contact cm3@brentwoodmd.gov

Brentwood Native Plant Network 2024 Plan

Due Date	Activity	Lead
January	Info table at Wellness Event at Mixt	Scott
May	Spring Plant Swap	TBD
May	Spring Yard Certification	Scott
June	Info table at Brentwood Day	TBD
Placemaking event	TBD	TBD
November	Winter Sowing and Seed Swap Event	Emily
TBD	Native Plant Mapping	Gary/Scott
Spring-Fall	Public Park Maintenance	Emily

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Green Team 2024 Plan

Due Date	Activity	Lead
February	Green Team training with Sustainable Maryland	
March	Online Environmental Resource Center	Lauren
April	Begin Composting Campaign	Scott & Aliza
Spring-Summer	Better Bag Bill education and outreach	
May – October	Northwest Branch of Anacostia river water quality testing	
June	Info tables at Brentwood Day	
July 1	Apply for a FY25 Maryland Heritage Area – Anacostia Trails Heritage Area grant to improve the Northwest Branch Trail in cooperation with MNCPPC, Gateway Arts District	
Placemaking event	CBT Community Engagement and Restoration Mini Grant storm drain stenciling	
October	Stream Valley Park assessment and plan with Prince George’s County Parks Dept	
November	Safe Grow Act to reduce pesticide use	
All year	Support Safe Streets for All through Vision Zero committee work	

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Autumn Updates

Tree Committee lead Nigel Dawson took the invasive ivy removal training from Hyattsville

Tree Committee met with Maryland Department of Natural Resources to discuss Maryland Forest Service's 5 Million Trees initiative. Opportunities:

- Statewide goal to plant 5 million native trees by 2031 and 10% in underserved communities
- Planning, Coordination, and Technical Assistance related to...
 - Tree plantings & maintenance
 - Grant Administration
 - Forest management
 - Seed collection
 - Expanding volunteer opportunities
 - Outreach & community engagement

Green Team

River clean-up with Friends of the Northwest Branch with video

Renewable Energy

"Sustainable Brentwood Online Resources" document in progress





**Town videographer, Matt Carl
created a short film about the
Green Team and the river
clean-up event with Friends of
the Northwest Branch**

**Check it out on the Brentwood
YouTube page**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=gUr2DQyVEPY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUr2DQyVEPY)



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Upcoming events

Saturday, January 13 10AM Brentwood Native Plant Network at town hall

Saturday, January 13 11AM Sustainable Brentwood meeting at town hall

Saturday, January 27 Tree Committee ivy removal from trees and tree health identification walk – meet at the Public Works Department

TENTATIVE Saturday, February 10 Training with Sustainable Maryland

Councilmember October – December recap

- Collaborated with Neighborhood Design Center, Ecosite, Town of North Brentwood and Councilmember Monroe on the Prince George's County Stormwater Grant for Windom Road Historical Barrier Park
 - Chesapeake Bay Trust consult on grant
- Fall Maryland Municipal League in October, courses attended:
 - College Park sustainability walk with municipal leaders
 - Supporting an Energy Efficient Community with Maryland Energy Administration & Department of Housing and Community Development
 - Traffic Calming, Road Diets, and Speed Management: Moving to Pedestrian Safety with The Traffic Group
 - Municipal Budgeting
 - Joint Emergency Management Officials Department meet & greet
 - Effective Meetings
 - Ethics
- Prince George's County Municipal Association
- US Army Corps of Engineers Anacostia Watershed Restoration Project Stakeholder Update
- Joined the Emergency Management Officials Department, attended November meeting
- Met with City of Annapolis and provided Town staff with approaches for helping residents in need
- D47 Leaders Meeting with Senator Augustine
- Meeting with Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County – Park Planning Section, Land Management and Environmental Stewardship Division re: Stream Valley Park

Councilmember October – December recap

- Sustainable Maryland and Sierra Club – Better Bag Bill / Plastic Bag Ban webinar
- River litter clean-up with Friends of Northwest
- Meeting with Town Administrator and Green Team on town composting options
- Attended Congressman Ivey's Community Project Funding webinar
- 2023 Annual PGCMA Legislative Meet & Greet
- District 2 Community Conversations with County Councilwoman Fisher and Senator Augustine, DPIE, Family Services, Parking
- Presented comments to the Prince George's County Planning Board on the MNCPPC PAMC
- Meeting with SolSmart on solar permitting resources for residents
- Meeting with UMD School of Public Policy for a spring internship
- Had to drop from the National League of Cities & Local Infrastructure Hub – Climate Action "Bootcamp" due to scheduling conflicts. Gateway CDC, Mt Rainier, Brentwood, North Brentwood considering EPA grant.