

Town of Brentwood  
Sustainable Brentwood Committee Meeting  
*Includes Green Team, Native Plant Network, Tree Committee*  
September 10, 2025  
8:00 PM  
Meeting Minutes

**Facilitator:** Lauren R

**Note taker:** Scott D, Lauren R

**Attendees:** Sasha, Edith, Catalina, Felipe, Jess, Emily, Evann, Aliza W; Councilmember Arango Millan excused absence

**Sustainable Brentwood Committee 2025-2028 Action Plan** [located here](#)

Requirements: Green Team, Green Team Action Plan

Priority Actions (4 of 8 required): Community Gardens, Municipal Energy Audits, Renewable Energy, Municipal Carbon Footprint, Green Purchasing Policy, Create a Watershed Plan, Stormwater Management Program, Complete Streets Policy

**1. Welcome check-in**

- a. Reviewed the Sustainable Maryland requirements and Committee Action Plan
- b. They have certain requirements, including having a green team and a sustainability committee, in addition to doing certain actions the town has committed to, which are on the list of things we will be discussing.
- c. It's a three year action plan.
- d. Going through recertification process now.
- e. We will find out in June what are level is (bronze or silver).

**2. Approve 08/09/25 meeting minutes**

- a. Meeting minutes from 8/9 approved via email

**3. Committee outreach, education, recruitment**

- a. Jess and Sasha reported out on the first-ever Committee info table at the Gateway Farmers' Market. Farmer's market is great but perhaps not representative of diversity of community that we hope to reach. Discussion on how to engage the broader community.
- b. Mt Rainier sustainability committee could be partners. Committee will reach out to them to join efforts (Jess)

- c. Sasha will work with Maybeli on the outreach flyer and ideas to reach youth.
- d. What'sApp group launched and Listserv was restarted - contact [info@brentwoodmd.gov](mailto:info@brentwoodmd.gov) to join.

**4. Organic Waste Compost Campaign**

- a. Aliza reported that the Town Administrator is discussing an MOU with Mt. Rainier. Aliza will follow-up about the next option to identify private vendors if the MOU doesn't work out.
- b. Next steps after, Aliza will ask Councilmember Arango Millan for support. Otherwise, the Committee will submit petition.

**5. Native Plant Network**

- a. Scott reported on the Native Plant Swap and Share on September 27 from 9am - 12pm at Bartlett Park. Liz is organizing info sessions on: propagating native plants and winter sowing, the right plants for the right spaces, and container gardening with native plants.
- b. WhatsApp group launched for public spaces maintenance - contact [info@brentwoodmd.gov](mailto:info@brentwoodmd.gov) to join.
- c. Pocket park design is in progress. Next will need to secure grant funding to deliver the design.

**6. Climate Action Plan with Stormwater and Flooding Mitigation Strategies, including Bartlett Park Redesign**

- a. Lauren reported that the Climate Action Plan is in final review and publication stages. Will be delivered in October.
- b. For the Bartlett Park design implementation, the Town will apply to two grants this fall/winter. Aliza offered to coordinate a letter of support from parents, Edith offered to review draft documents, Jess offered to provide support. Sasha will ask Maybeli for social media support.
- c. Discussion about this being a skills-building opportunity for youth. Edith will ask Councilmember Harris and Councilmember Arango Millan about outreach to youth.

**7. Urban Tree Canopy ordinance**

- a. No report out available.
- b. Aliza would like the latest version of ordinance to circulate to neighbors.
- c. Committee is seeking a lead for this effort.

**8. Community Garden at Public Works yard**

- a. Jess reported out a conversation with Joe's Movement Emporium Green Works. They're seeking space to hold trees for planting, mulch, and compost. Committee will meet with them to discuss partnership and current grant application.
- b. The Town will hear about the Chesapeake Bay Trust grant application in November.

**9. Sustainable Maryland requirements**

- a. Lauren reported on other areas the Committee wants to pursue: support the Town to seek an energy audit on the community center building, update the municipal carbon footprint.
- b. Vice Mayor Burgess introduced a municipal policy to ban single-use plastic water bottles. Committee supports.

**10. Sustainable Maryland recertification**

- a. Lauren reported status. During September/October - Final Review and Approval. October 12th - 14th - Award Recognition at Fall MML in McHenry, MD.
- b. Other items
- c. MD is supporting the Extending Producer Responsibility - to push originators of plastic bottles to reduce plastic use. Not just pick up the trash but design eco-modulation credits - if you change how you create your products you'll get a credit.

**11. New members to the Committee shared these interests:**

- a. Accessibility concerns within the town. Sidewalks that aren't accessible.
- b. Reach the youth. Leverage social media.

**Next meeting**

Meetings are second Wednesday of the month on Zoom

October 8

November 12

December 10 - Committee in-person "secret Santa" and potluck