

Town of New Market Receives Sustainable MD Certification

History Town of New Market Reaches Another Landmark in its Evolution

New Market, MD - 10/12/22 – Town of New Market was recently awarded Sustainable Maryland Certified Status for 2022. The certifications were bestowed at the Sustainable Maryland Certified awards ceremony during the annual Maryland Municipal League Conference on October 11, 2022 in Annapolis, MD.

Mayor Winslow Burhans and Councilman Chris Weatherly were present to accept the award on behalf of the Town of New Market and its volunteer-run Green Team. Mayor Burhans said, “New Market is a special town with a long and unique history, but also a place where we are proud to be moving forward as a community committed to a sustainable future for our children and grandchildren.”

Some of the initiatives the Green Team has established in partnership with various community members include a bi-weekly Farmer’s Market, the New Market Community Garden, a stormwater retrofit program, rain barrel and compost bin education and distribution, a green purchasing policy, and pet waste stations throughout the town.

“Attaining Sustainable Maryland certification is a tribute to the Town and to all the many volunteers who made this happen – especially our volunteer Green Team who has led the way,” said Chris Weatherly, Town Councilman and Green Team Liaison.

To achieve certification, municipalities are required to form a Green Team comprised of local residents, community leaders, municipal staff and officials; complete a variety of sustainability-related Actions worth a total of at least 150 points (including two mandatory actions and two of six priority actions), and submit the appropriate documentation as evidence that the Sustainable Maryland Certified requirements have been satisfied. The Environmental Finance Center (EFC) at the University of Maryland awards these certifications through their Sustainable Maryland program, which provides support and guidance to municipalities throughout the process.

“We are proud of the initiatives we have been able to accomplish as a team,” said Kelly Jarvis, Green Team Chair, and owner of Main Street business, Fit2Shine Studio. “With this certificate under our belt, we can continue to focus on helping the New Market community live a more sustainable lifestyle for generations to come.”

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