



The City Council of New Carrollton, through the approval of Resolution 15-04, approved the City's participation in the Sustainable Maryland Certified Program. By endorsing a sustainable path, the City of New Carrollton pledged to educate itself and community members about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices. Sustainable activities and practices promote the use of all resources, natural, human and economic, in ways that meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

Sustainability means:

- reducing our impact on the environment and ultimately reversing the impact we have already caused;
- renewing resources at a rate equal to or greater than the rate at which they are consumed;
- living within the resources of the planet without damaging the environment now or in the future;
- creating an economic system that provides for quality of life while renewing the environment and its resources; and
- taking a long-term view of how our actions effect future generations and making sure we don't deplete resources or cause pollution at rates faster than the earth is able to renew them.

One of the mandatory requirements of the Sustainable Maryland Certified Program is to establish a Green Team comprised of residents and volunteers from the community who will strive to develop policies and plans, implement programs and assist with educational opportunities that support the creation of a sustainable community. The City created a Green Team in December 2018. It is comprised of residents and representatives of community institutions, including schools and churches. The Green Team will work with the City to become more environmentally sound by protecting human and natural resources, to achieve Sustainable Maryland Certified status and to retain the certification, by achieving the goals and objectives set forth in the Green Team's Action Plan.

The Green Team meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, in the Council Workshop room, at 5:15 p.m. For more information contact Karen Ruff, Assistant City Administrative Officer by email at kruff@newcarrolltonmd.gov or by phone at (301) 459-6100.