

TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN 2023 SUSTAINABILITY ANNUAL REPORT



Balancing the economic, social, and ecological needs of the Town's residents and businesses for today and future generations.

RECYCLING EVENT



During the Spring 2023 recycling event held in the municipal parking lot, close to 500 gallons of paint was collected, and more than 36 pounds of lithium-ion batteries were collected, along with huge quantities of textiles, metals and electronics.

GREEN EXPO



Join us for our 8th annual Green Expo in April 2024!

GREEN LECTURE SERIES

Look for more Green

Lecture Series events in 2024 at our new library on East Green Street!

WASTEWATER



The wastewater from the East Wastewater Treatment Plant is used to irrigate the nearby Richland Golf Course after it is treated. This reuse supports Maryland's "Zero Waste MD" initiative, which seeks to reduce, reuse and recycle all waste generated in MD by 2040.

POLLINATOR GARDEN



A pollinator garden with more than 800 native plants was installed at Memorial Park in 2021 which includes milkweed, goldenrod, black-eyed Susan's, rattlesnake master, asters and allium. It is hoped that the pollinator garden will inspire those who visit to implement pollinator-friendly practices on their properties.



COMPOST BINS



In 2019, close to 30 compost bins were distributed to town residents. 20 are available now for purchase! The bins help keep vermin out and heat the heap. It is estimated that hundreds of pounds of compost has been kept out of landfill.

COMMUNITY COMPOSTING

In March 2022, the Town installed a community compost bin at Memorial Park for residents and park visitors to use. In 2022, more than 5,000 pounds of compost were collected!

BEE CITY USA



The Town became a Bee City USA community in 2020 and joined many other cities and campuses across the country united in improving their landscapes for pollinators.

EV CHARGING STATIONS



A Level 2 charging station was installed in 2020 in the Elm Street parking lot, and an additional Level 2 charging station will be installed in the Municipal Center parking lot off of West Green Street within the next few months.

44,200 BAGS

Since 1991, Middletown has provided paper yard waste bags to its residents free of charge. Last calendar year close to 44,200 bags were picked up by town residents!



STREETS & PARKING LOTS



Broad Street and Washington Street both received a sustainable upgrade, with new sidewalk, curb, gutter and stormwater management. Next up will be Linden Boulevard in 2024.

TREE PLANTING



The Town received Tree City USA designation in 2020. In 2022, more than 300 trees were planted with help through grants from the Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee, as well as Potomac Edison.

More information is available on the Middletown Green Team page of the town's website.