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- City of Frederick, Maryland
- Frederick County Food Council
- Frederick County, Maryland
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- MAEOE Green Schools
- Mobilize Frederick
- StreamLink Education
- Town of Middletown, Maryland



Middletown Green Lecture Series

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Since 2018, the Middletown Sustainability Committee "Green Team" has partnered with the Middletown Branch Library, hosting a variety of lectures on many important "Green" topics. As a 'Sustainable Maryland Community,' Middletown strives to improve the quality of life in tangible ways. This 2024 Green Lecture Series reflects many of those interests.

**All the lectures are held on the third Saturday of each month
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Saturday May 18

Bird City and Migratory Bird Day with
Cindy Unangst & Deb Portney

Middletown was designated the newest Bird City Maryland in 2024! A Bird City encourages communities to implement sound bird-conservation practices by enhancing the environment for birds and educating the public about the contributions birds make to a healthy community. Deb Portney, Master Naturalist, will discuss Migratory Birds.

Saturday June 15

Native and Invasive Plants in our Backyard
with Kerry Wixted

Kerry Wixted, Expert Maryland Naturalist and Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Invasive Species Program Manager, has spent years instructing Natural History Field Studies Programs in Maryland. She will speak about the importance of native and invasive plants in Maryland and how we can use plants to support wildlife.

Saturday July 20

Stream Link Education and Planting Trees
with Kylie Baker

Kylie Baker, Program Director of Stream Link Education, will discuss planting trees, riparian zones, flood & erosion prevention, as well as demonstrate correct tree cuttings for re-planting.

Saturday August 17

Food Systems & Feeding Frederick
with Alison Wexler & Sarah McAleavy

Alison Wexler, the Operations Director of the Frederick County Food Council will discuss how to create & maintain a robust and resilient local food system. Sarah McAleavy, manager of the Community Action Food Bank of Frederick, the Community Table, At-Risk Suppers and The Weekend Backpack Program will define her work feeding at risk populations within the Frederick food system.

Saturday September 21

Wildlife Corridors with Karen Russell &
Wildlife Habitat Advisors with Deb Portney

Karen Russell of Mobilize Frederick will discuss "Wildlife Corridors in Frederick County," and the local and global impacts of species loss that are being compounded by climate change.

Deb Portney will discuss Wildlife Habitat Advisors, a local group that provides land owners with on-site advice on best practices for native plants & wildlife.

Saturday October 19

Green Schools with Carey Murphy

Carey Murphy, winner of a 2023 Frederick County Sustainability Award, believes Green Schools foster environmental stewardship, encourage sustainability, increase awareness of our relationship with the environment and foster environmental literacy.

Saturday November 16

The Changing Face of Frederick County
Agriculture with Katie Stevens

Katie Stevens, the Director of the Frederick County Office of Agriculture will discuss how her office is dedicated to preserving farmland through conservation easements, supporting agricultural operations with business support and technical assistance and an eye on climate change.