



# Howard County Sustainable HOA Pilot Program

## Sustainable Topics for Consideration

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### Energy

- Alternate Sources
  - solar
  - geo-thermal
  - wind
  - clotheslines
- Maintenance
  - insulation
  - windows (energy efficient, light filtering)
  - roofing
  - lighting (street and parking)
  - recycling and trash (waste management)
  - ductwork
  - insulating doors
  - fluorescent bulbs (residential)
  - insulating outlets
  - BG&E energy savers program
  - CFL disposal and recycling

### Water

- Indoor
  - Efficient use of tap water
  - Employing gray water systems
- Outdoor
  - rain barrels
  - rain gardens
  - monitor pond health
  - plant vegetated filter strips
  - plant bio-filtration swales
  - plant native vegetation
  - stormwater management issues
  - proper disposal of pet waste
  - pool/hottub water waste and treatment

### Air Quality

- Indoor:
  - Chemicals
  - Textiles
  - Cleaning ingredients

- Paints

### • Outdoor:

- Ozone
- Reducing vehicle miles traveled (car pooling, encourage biking and supply bike storage, etc.)
- Reduce lawn mowing

### Landscaping

- Planting
  - lawns
  - native plants/replacement
  - rain gardens
  - composting
  - trees – Plant(IT) Green
  - open space
- Reducing Chemicals
  - fertilizers
  - petroleum
  - herbicides
  - insecticides
  - phosphates, nitrogen

### Waste Management

- encourage and educate about recycling
- yard waste disposal
- compost
- donation days (not dumpster days)
- household hazardous wastes
- e-cycling

### Building and Remodeling

- reuse building materials
- environmentally preferred products
- paint
- insulation
- window and door replacement
- decks/porches
- FSC lumber