

Sustainability Committee March 24th Meeting Agenda, February 17th Meeting Minutes:

Pollinator Seed Library at Middletown Library

Library Green Expo

Bird City Certification

Bee City USA Certification

St. Thomas Moore & Senior Center Raised Plant Bed Partnership

Arbor Day Tree Planting / Resident Tree Give Away

Silviculture Tree Planting

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 21st 4:00 PM.

Town of Middletown Sustainability Accomplishments & Activities in 2025:

Sustainable Maryland Certification

Tree City USA Certification Approved

Upcoming Food Forest at Burnt Bridge Crossing Park

Bee City USA Certification Approved

1262 Trees & Shrubs planted at Wiles Branch Park via Stream Restoration project

Green Lecture Series Library guest speakers

Arbor Day Tree Planting at Remsberg Park

Town Street Light Conversion to LED program

Agriculture Day activities for 1st graders at Middletown High School

Community Pollinator Garden maintenance at Memorial Park

Bird Walk at Wiles Branch Park

Pollinator Seed Library at Middletown Library

Cone Branch walking trail trees and birds identification

Created and Installed Educational sign about Chimney Swifts at Chimney Swift tower in Wiles Branch Park

Frederick County Day of Action Tree Maintenance at Wiles Branch Park and Baltimore National Pike

New Ionna EV Charging Station at Cross Stone Commons

Created a Month-long Educational Display at Middletown Library reg. importance of planting natives

Sustainability Committee Scarecrow entry

Fall Recycling Event

Middletown High School Soccer & MVAA Storm Water Management pond clean-up, landscaping clean-up and Tree Maintenance at Memorial Tree grove

DRAFT 02 17 2026 Middletown Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Time: 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. In-person. Lifesize was also available

In attendance: Pam McDonald, Kevin Stottlemeyer, JJ Hartner, Emily Bomgardner joined via. Lifesize to report on the Green Expo, Agnesanne Danehey, Sean O'Keefe, Ann Payne, Lexi Sassi

Meeting Discussion Items:

1. January meeting minutes approved.
2. Pollinator Seed Library at the Middletown Library- Pam has set up the two boxes with alphabetized sections and Lexi ordered seeds with JJ. The seeds arrived and will be put in the boxes at the library.
3. Library Green Expo: March 28. Bartlett Tree Experts would like to be involved with the fair and exhibit and could do a tree demonstration. Emily reported that they have about 20 vendors and there is room for more: finalize numbers at end of February. She will send us the flyer as a pdf. Looking for more input from area schools. Our team will reach out to Lucy School (JJ), Mobilize Frederick Green School program (Pam). For insurance purposes, the library needs to pay for the animal program directly, so the Sustainability committee will not be responsible for that payment.
4. Community Compost Bin Signage: Kevin is ordering the signs and is waiting for the snow and winter weather to clear before the installation.

5. St. Thomas Moore & Senior Center Raised Plant Bed Partnership: Cheryl Nelson, Native Havens LLC has designed a beautiful design for a native garden in front of the senior center. Pam and Ann have reviewed the plan and Ann has forwarded it to Kitty Devilbliss, the Frederick County Senior Center manager, and she will facilitate getting the plan approved. The school principal will organize volunteers. There will be a raised bed for vegetable planting with easy access from the senior center. Plants will be ordered wholesale by Native Havens. They will be letting us know about the cost for the plants for the plan.
6. Arbor Day Tree Planting will be Friday, April 24 at 1 pm. Kevin has asked for this date with Potomac Edison and he has some backup volunteer ideas. The team discussed tree choices for residents to choose for their property.
7. Bird City: First report since the town became a Bird City is due in March 2026. Agnesanne is taking the lead in submitting it. We can forward projects we remember implementing to her from 2024-2025.
8. Burnt Bridge Park: SilvoCulture has marked the property for planting of tree placement. The town has filled in holes that were there that were dangerous. The food forest is being incorporated into the master plan for the park with the town.
9. Speakers for the Green Speaker Series at the library for 2026. The outreach committee has come up with 6 topics under the overarching theme of Regenerative Living and is currently researching speakers and then will coordinate with the library for dates. The six topics are: Critical importance of water conservation in our homes and community; Pollinator workshops for kids and families, presented by Karen Whitehair, Frederick County Recycling “dos and don’ts”; Intergenerational partnership for planting and caring for a native garden (St Thomas Moore School and FC 50+ community center); Understanding the importance of Dark Skies for wildlife; Silvoculture Food Forest project at the new Burnt Bridge Park. The committee is open to other topic/speaker ideas.
10. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 24 at 4:00 PM.

**Town of Middletown Sustainability Accomplishments & Activities in 2025:
“x” means we plan to do these activities in 2026 as well.**

Sustainable Maryland Certification (Cert. every 3 years).
 Tree City USA Certification Approved x
 Upcoming Food Forest at Burnt Bridge Crossing Park x
 Bee City USA Certification Approved x (Check to see if 2026 report is needed)
 1262 Trees & Shrubs planted at Wiles Branch Park via Stream Restoration project
 (Completed)
 Green Lecture Series Library guest speakers x
 Arbor Day Tree Planting at Remsberg Park x
 Town Street Light Conversion to LED program (In process).
 Agriculture Day activities for 1st graders at Middletown High School x
 Community Pollinator Garden maintenance at Memorial Park x
 Bird Walk at Wiles Branch Park x
 Pollinator Seed Library at Middletown Library x

Cone Branch walking trail trees and birds identification Created and Installed x
Educational sign about Chimney Swifts at Chimney Swift tower
in Wiles Branch Park. Install a second one in 2026?
Frederick County Day of Action Tree Maintenance at Wiles Branch Park and
Baltimore National Pike x
New Ionna EV Charging Station at Cross Stone Commons (Completed).
Created a Month-long Educational Display at Middletown Library reg. importance
of
planting natives x
Have St. Thomas Moore students create the display about their garden project x
Sustainability Committee Scarecrow entry x
Fall Recycling Event x (Will be one week earlier).
Middletown High School Soccer & MVAA Storm Water Management pond clean-
up,
landscaping clean-up and Tree Maintenance at Memorial Tree grove x
Bird City Certification x (Every 2 years).
Resident Tree program around Arbor Day x