

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK, MARYLAND  
Resolution 2023-R-17

Introduced by: CM Aaron Faulx  
Date Introduced: November 6, 2023  
Date Adopted: November 6, 2023  
Date Effective: November 6, 2023

FOR THE PURPOSE OF establishing the Town of Riverdale Park's vision for and commitment to sustainability.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Town Council to establish a vision and commitment to support Riverdale Park's sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Town defines sustainability as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs; and

WHEREAS, the temperature of the earth is warming resulting in a climate that is changing to be more volatile; and we will pursue actions to reduce our activity that contributes to global warming and prepare our community to survive the impact of more extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, sustainability adds to the quality of life, both individually and collectively; bringing together residents, businesses, visitors and the Town government with a focus on the common good, further making the Town of Riverdale Park the location of choice for residents, businesses and visitors; and

WHEREAS, achieving sustainability requires private and public action that promotes community-based food systems, encourages health and wellness, supports local economies, reduces energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, preserves and enhances natural resources, expands tree canopies, and implements sustainable planning and land use practices; and

WHEREAS, achieving sustainability requires the ongoing appointment of the Town of Riverdale Park Sustainability Committee (RPSC), also known as the Town's "Green Team"; and these volunteer efforts require ongoing support and partnership with the Mayor and Town Council, Town staff, and all residents, in maintaining or exceeding the requirements to be designated a Sustainable Maryland Community; and

WHEREAS, the Town also recognizes the inherent worth and dignity of all persons and the need for social equity in all opportunities for, and benefits of, sustainability, and will pursue all sustainable actions from an inclusive and regional perspective that requires collaboration with all residents, the business and non-profit community, neighboring municipalities, Prince George's County, the State of Maryland and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, sustainability is recognized as a foundation for maintaining healthy communities, and in support thereof, the Mayor and Town Council are committed to considering sustainability in all decision-making and staff actions to include Town operations, programs, initiatives, legislation and resources that further establish and nurture a sustainable Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Riverdale Park do hereby establish this vision and commitment to sustainability on behalf of the Town.

ATTEST:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
RIVERDALE PARK

  
Jessica E. Barnes, Town Clerk

  
Alan K. Thompson, Mayor