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**City of Hyattsville Named 2019 Sustainability Champion**

The City of Hyattsville is proud to announce that it has been recertified as a Sustainable Maryland City and named the 2019 Sustainable Maryland Champion. The certifications were bestowed at the Sustainable Maryland Certified awards ceremony during the annual Maryland Municipal League Conference on October 15 in Cambridge, Maryland.

“Hyattsville is thrilled to receive the 2019 Sustainable Maryland Champion Award. I’m very proud of the efforts of our City staff, and the Hyattsville Environment Committee for leading this initiative. As a community we remain committed to sustainability and making Hyattsville a great place to live now, and for future generations,” said Hyattsville Mayor Candace Hollingsworth.

Sustainable Maryland is an initiative of the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland that is designed to support Maryland’s 157 municipalities as they look for cost-effective and strategic ways to protect their natural assets and revitalize their communities. Using best practices in resource areas like water, energy, planning, health, food, and economy, a municipality can earn points toward sustainability certification. To achieve certification, municipalities are required to form a green team comprised of residents, community leaders, municipal staff, and officials who’ll then complete a variety sustainability-related actions worth a total of at least 150 points.

Hyattsville achieved the Sustainable Champion recognition by amassing 535 points on the application, more than any other community in 2019. The City’s priority actions consisted of implementing a community garden, performing municipal energy audits, passing a green purchasing policy, and developing a stormwater management program. The City was first certified in 2013.

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The attached photo shows (from left) Hyattsville Environmental Programs Supervisor Dawn Taft, Hyattsville Councilmember Danny Schaible, Hyattsville Council Vice President Carrianna Suiter, and Hyattsville Environment Committee member Jim Groves with the Sustainable Maryland Certified award at the Maryland Municipal League conference on October 15, 2019.

More information on the Sustainable Maryland Program is available at [www.sustainablemaryland.com](http://www.sustainablemaryland.com).