

**Town of University Park
Sustainability Committee**

September 26, 2018
University Park Town Hall

Present

Committee members Roy Alvarez, David Brosch, Leslie Jenkins, Ross Salawitch, Joe Schultz, Joe Thompson

Meeting notes

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

1. Joe Schultz provided a brief status update on a University of Maryland Environmental Science and Policy Program study of the town food waste composting pilot program. A midterm report from the study team is scheduled for October 9; details to follow to the committee members as those become available. Dave Brosch asked about the scope of the students' research and suggested that it would be good if they could look at the community-scale composting processing facility model.
2. Joe Schultz reported that he and Mayor Carey had had an initial meeting with graduate students involved in the University of Maryland Pollinator Meadow Initiative, a project of the Department of Entomology that involves converting unused and marginal land to pollinator-friendly meadow containing native flowers and grasses. The Adelphi Road field has potential as a site. Discussions will continue, with details to follow to the committee as they become available.
3. The committee discussed the town park and opportunities to support and promote sustainability in planning for the park. Important themes of that discussion: actions the town might take within the park itself to improve stormwater management, such as the establishment of rain gardens, while recognizing that stormwater is a regional not a site-specific problem; potential to improve stream water quality; opportunities to diversify and expand wildlife habitat within the park. Dave Brosch suggested that the sustainability committee should also consider a stormwater management program that goes beyond projects that are only done in the park or other public spaces in town. Installing rain gardens and other stormwater management mechanisms by residents on their personal properties could have a greater impact.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.