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City of Havre de Grace Receives Prestigious Sustainable Maryland Certified Award at Maryland Municipal League Conference

College Park, MD (October 15, 2025) – The Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland announced that the **City of Havre de Grace** was one of 18 Maryland municipalities honored at the **Sustainable Maryland Awards Ceremony** at the Maryland Municipal League’s annual Fall Conference. The Town was certified at the Silver level.

"The Sustainable Maryland program has been instrumental in helping Havre de Grace acknowledge and track its extensive volunteer efforts and many key initiatives," **said Mayor William T. Martin**. "This vital work has directly contributed to the capstone projects that establish our City as an outstanding place to live, work and recreate. By meeting the program's rigorous standards, we ensure that we are not only enriching the quality of life for everyone today, but also acting as dedicated stewards of our environment for the future."

According to **Mike Hunninghake, Director of the Sustainable Maryland program**, "Municipalities know that, now more than ever, they need to be prepared for the shocks associated with climate change. In the absence of federal leadership, local governments are proactively leading the way to a more sustainable, carbon-neutral, and equitable path to the future. The actions of this year’s Sustainable Maryland Certified communities collectively add up to a more positive and resilient future for their towns and residents."

The attached photo shows representatives of the awarded municipalities with their Sustainable Maryland Certified awards at the Maryland Municipal League conference.

Also attached is Havre de Grace’s Sustainable Maryland Certified logo.

For detailed information about Havre de Grace’s sustainability initiatives, please contact Wanda Boker, Sustainable Projects Consultant, (410) 939-1800, wandab@havredegracemd.com

Sustainable Maryland Certification: To achieve certification, municipalities are required to form a Green Team comprised of local residents, community leaders, municipal staff and officials; complete a variety sustainability-related Actions worth **a total of at least 150 points for Bronze level certification, or 400 points for Silver level certification**, and submit the appropriate documentation as evidence that the Sustainable Maryland Certified requirements have been satisfied. The Sustainable Maryland Action Menu can be seen here:

<https://sustainablemaryland.com/certification/actions>

The complete list of 2025 re-certified communities includes:

Aberdeen *(first certified in 2022, re-certified in 2025)*

Annapolis *(first certified in 2013, and re-certified in 2016, 2019, 2022 and 2025)*

Bowie *(first certified in 2013, and re-certified in 2016, 2019, 2022 and 2025)*

Brentwood *(first certified in 2019, and re-certified in 2022 and 2025)*

Capitol Heights *(first certified in 2019, and re-certified in 2025)*

College Park *(first certified in 2013, and re-certified in 2016, 2019, 2022 and 2025)*

Colmar Manor *(first certified in 2016, and re-certified in 2019, 2022 and 2025)*

Edmonston *(first certified in 2013, and re-certified in 2016, 2019, 2022 and 2025)*

Frederick *(first certified in 2013, and re-certified in 2016, 2019, 2022 and 2025)*

Gaithersburg *(first certified in 2013, and re-certified in 2016, 2019, 2022 and 2025)*

Galena *(first certified in 2022, re-certified in 2025)*

Havre de Grace *(first certified in 2016, and re-certified in 2019, 2022 and 2025)*

Hyattsville *(first certified in 2013, and re-certified in 2016, 2019, 2022 and 2025)*

Middletown *(first certified in 2016, and re-certified in 2019, 2022 and 2025)*

New Carrollton *(first certified in 2019, and re-certified in 2022 and 2025)*

New Market *(first certified in 2022, re-certified in 2025)*

Ocean City *(first certified in 2016, and re-certified in 2019, 2022 and 2025)*

Salisbury *(first certified in 2016, and re-certified in 2019, 2022 and 2025)*

Thurmont *(first certified in 2016, and re-certified in 2019, 2022 and 2025)*

Our 2025 Sustainability Champion: This year's Sustainability Champion is the **City of Gaithersburg** which amassed an impressive 715 points on their application, more than any other community in 2025.

A full report on each certified community's Actions can be viewed here:

<http://sustainablemaryland.com/actions-certification/participating-communities/>

Sustainable Maryland Certified Municipalities as of 2025 (14th year of the program):

- Total Municipalities Sustainable Maryland Certified: **51 (33% of Maryland's municipalities)**
 - Total Municipalities Sustainable Maryland Registered: **93 (59% of Maryland's municipalities)**
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About Sustainable Maryland: 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. **Sustainable Maryland** offers a customizable menu of concrete actions, allowing communities to select initiatives that best fit their specific needs. This free and voluntary program, with the support of our founding partner **Maryland Municipal League** and funding from **the State of Maryland**, helps communities choose a direction for their greening efforts; complete their chosen actions with help from program tools, trainings, expert guidance, and other resources; and be recognized statewide for their accomplishments. For more information about Sustainable Maryland: www.sustainablemaryland.com



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