



# THE CITY OF FROSTBURG

## Green Team Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Frostburg Municipal Center Meeting Room 100  
37 S. Broadway, Frostburg, MD 21532

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### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Presentations

#### A. Route 40 Elementary School Special Presentation

Students from North 40 Elementary School gave a brief presentation highlighting their litter collection and documentation project. Utilizing the MapperK12 platform, the students were able to track the types and locations of litter collected throughout the community.

Their findings revealed that cigarette waste was the most common form of litter in the area. In response, the students designed a solution aimed at reducing this specific type of pollution. After testing a variety of materials for flammability, odor resistance, and durability, they identified dryer tape as the most effective option. Using this material, they created small, pocket-sized pouches intended for cigarette smokers to safely store used cigarette butts until they can be properly disposed of in a trash receptacle.

### 3. Old Business

#### A. Buy Nothing Volunteers

Volunteers are still needed for the Buy Nothing, Give Freely event. A volunteer sign-up spreadsheet will be circulated to allow interested individuals to select time slots that best accommodate their schedules.

### 4. New Business

#### A. Seed Collection Collaboration

A brief report was given regarding a request received from a senior project team at St. Mary's College of Maryland, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MD DNR). The team is supporting MD DNR's native tree seed collection efforts for ecological restoration and conservation.

The initiative seeks assistance from parks and organizations that have native tree species such as Eastern Redbud, Flowering Dogwood, Chestnut Oak, White Oak, Black Chokeberry, Wild American Plum, Spicebush, Witch Hazel, and Pawpaw. Participating sites would ideally have staff willing to coordinate seed collection and potentially engage community volunteers.

The Green Team expressed interest in participating, and additional information will be shared later this summer as details become available.

### 5. Discussion Items

#### A. Social Media Posts

Bethany has finalized the Green Team's May social media calendar and requested additional feedback from the group. It was suggested that we promote the Native Plant Sale at New Germany State Park, scheduled for May 10.

B. Other Discussion Items from Attendees

Additional discussion items included:

1. Frost Elementary School is preparing for a wildflower presentation and planting, seed bomb workshop, and painted garden stone activity.
2. Brief updates were given about the Edible Arboretum. The Committee met with Amie Armstrong, of ACA Design Group (formerly C&S Landscaping), to discuss the grant-funded plantings at the Arboretum. Amie is working up a quote and will reach out to us when ready to proceed.
3. Caitlin discussed the concept of a Green Team Book Club and proposed that the book club begin by reading *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. The idea was well received, and we will continue the convo next month.

**6. Adjournment**