

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MARCH 27, 2018:** The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Common Council of the City of Morgantown was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** City Manager Paul Brake, City Attorney Ryan Simonton, Deputy Mayor Mark Brazaitis, Mayor Bill Kawecki, Council Members Rachel Fetty, Ryan Wallace, Jenny Selin, Ron Dulaney, and Barry Wendell.

Deputy Mayor Brazaitis called the meeting to order.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Morgantown Municipal Green Team – 2017 Annual Committee Report – Joey James

Joey James, Member of the Green Team, presented to Council the Municipal Green Teams 2017 Annual Report. He highlighted the following issues that happened in 2017: developed information on living green and partnered with groups to distribute citywide; completed energy audit and presented to City Council; provided to Council input on the new recycling contract; completed LED street light study and presented to City Council; drafted Resolution for City Council for Paris Climate Accord and developed a 5-year strategic plan. **Ex. A.**

2. Five-Year Strategic Plan – Morgantown Municipal Green Team – Jing Zhang

Jing Zhang, member of the Green Team presented to Council the 2018-22 Municipal Green Team Strategic Plan. He noted key features of the plan that it is based on the comprehensive plan. **Ex B.**

Karen Kalafat, member of the Green Team explained the Energy Policy Guide to Council.

After discussion and questions from Council, Deputy Mayor continued to the Public Portion.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Deputy Mayor opened the public portion and asked if there was anyone wishing to speak.

Ciete Pavone, 42 Bluegrass Village, commented on traffic concerns in several areas around Morgantown.

Jing Zhang, MPO Policy Board Member addressed Mr. Pavone's concern, noting one area, how the MPO recommends handling the problem in the future.

Christine Wallace, 7 Warrick Street, from the Children and Family Leadership Committee spoke about National Child Abuse Prevention month happening the month of April and ways to observe it.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Deputy Mayor closed the Public Portion.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Morgantown Municipal Green Team

City Manager Paul Brake commented that the City implemented the Green Teams initiatives in July 2018 along with the Policy Guide for the Employees. He noted that along with the Policy Guide he is suggesting training be included. After discussion and questions to the City Manager, he noted that there is no Council action needed.

2. Permit Parking – An Ordinance Amending Article 367 Governing Parking Districts

City Manager Paul Brake explained procedure of Ordinance and then referred to City Attorney Ryan Simonton to explain amendments. After discussion and questions to the City Attorney about the permit parking ordinance, council referred item to the April 17, 2018 agenda by consensus.

3. Solid Waste Ordinance – An Ordinance Amending Article 367 Providing for Utility Taxes and Amending Article 1165 Providing for Solid Waste Collection

City Manager Paul Brake explained the ordinance. After discussion and questions to the City Manager on the Solid Waste Ordinance, council referred item to the next regular meeting by consensus.

4. Calvary Baptist Church – Request for Zoning Reclassification of Real Estate of one parcel in the seventh ward from R-1 to B-2

City Manager Paul Brake explained the ordinance and referred to the City Attorney Ryan Simonton for a brief overview. After discussion and questions from council, item was referred to the next regular meeting by consensus.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Council by consensus adjourned the committee of the whole meeting at 10:00 pm.

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City Clerk

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Mayor



# 2017 Annual Report

## Morgantown Municipal Green Team

(To be approved by a quorum of Green Team members on April 2, 2018)

### Active Members:

Holly Purpura (chair), Joey James (past chair), Pamela Cubberly (secretary), Jim Kotcon (energy chair), Jing Zhang (planning chair), Jenny Selin (City Council), Joseph Kanosky (National Energy Technology Center), Alexandra Davis (WVU's Industrial Assessment Center), and Karen Kalafat (small business owner)

### Developed Public Information on Living Green and Partnered with Groups for Its Distribution Citywide

*Accomplished:* The team reviewed and updated its existing recycling guide for consumers with Greenstar, our single-stream facility. This was published in text form by the *Dominion Post* on July 9, 2017 and recently sent to the City Manager as a more accessible, fridge-postable model.

*Potential impacts:* Will help reduce “contamination” of recycling collected—a significant problem. Can serve as a model to any public information released by Republic Services in future years.

*Next steps:* Encourage City effort to provide this kind of information for residents/businesses. Find intern to complete application for 2018 State of West Virginia recycling grant to promote even better public information on recycling properly.

### Completed IAC Energy Audit Study and Presented to City/Council

*Accomplished:* Alexandra Davis and Dr. Gopala with assistance of Hari Jammulamadaka completed a final report summarizing the results of her 2016–17 internship energy audits of 7 City buildings.

*Potential impacts:* That report estimated that energy savings from a total City investment of **\$113,104** in energy-saving measures would be paid back within **3.5** years. Estimated yearly savings for the foreseeable future would be **\$32,755**. Implementing the report’s recommendations will reduce City energy costs; prevent pollution; reduce City carbon emissions; and serve as a model to businesses, institutions, and residents as part of a wider effort to reduce energy use in the city.

*Next steps:* Review City progress in implementation of IAC recommendations and assure adequate funding in the annual City budget. Conduct similar research, including through internships (such as the LED study and energy audits in 2017) to encourage further energy efficiency and reduction of carbon emissions.

**Provided Input to City and Council on New Recycling Contract and More**

*Accomplished:* Advised new City Manager on desirable elements of a new contract with a trash/recycling hauler; submitted comments on applications of the three contenders to City Manager; and commented in early 2018 on proposed contract with Republic Services. New contract includes pickup of school recycling; pickup/disposal of trash collecting at the city's dam site; and evaluation with the City of a composting program—all items the Green Team had recommended. The Green Team also updated its existing accessible and postable recycling guide for citizens, based on input from Greenstar. The information was printed in the *Dominion Post* on July 9, 2017. City Manager has a copy of the flyer for consideration of future provision of such information.

*Potential impacts:* Increased amounts of residential and business recycling; less contamination of recycling picked up; expanded sources of recycling; and health and cleanliness of Mon River near city.

*Next steps:* Expand updated, accurate, and accessible recycling guidelines for residences and businesses; recruit an intern to help City complete application for State of West Virginia funding for recycling education; and monitor data to be provided quarterly to City from Republic Services on amounts and kinds of recycling collected.

**Completed LED Street Light Study Through WVU Intern and Presented to City/Council**

*Accomplished:* Abby Cayton completed her summer study of the potential for installing LED streetlights and how, as well as completing energy audit of the Mon County Health Department building. She presented both reports to the team for input (January 8 and February 5) and to the City Manager and Council.

*Potential impacts:* Significant reduction of City energy costs; cities can realize savings of from 40% to 80% in energy costs of streetlights. LEDs last significantly longer than the high-pressure sodium lamps now used by the City.

*Next steps:* Discuss with City how to make this possible, given acknowledged challenges of conversion.

**Drafted Resolution for City Council on Working Toward the Goals of the Paris Climate Accords**

*Accomplished:* The Green Team drafted a resolution that furthers the City's commitment to reducing GHG emissions and aligns us with more than 400 municipalities nationwide in working toward the goals of the Paris Climate Accords. City Council passed the resolution unanimously. Furthermore, the City, by way of the Green Team, is committed to developing a Municipal Climate Action Plan.

*Potential impacts:* Acknowledges the City's goals to work toward environmental sustainability and encourages public participation in these goals. Morgantown is serving as a model for other Appalachian cities.

**Developed and Approved MGMT 5-Year Plan and 2018 Strategy**

*Accomplished:* From January 2017 to the present, the Green Team implemented a yearlong planning process to update and add to past founding documents from 2007, as well as develop current goals/objectives and an annual strategy for review each January. In 2017, team members and the City Manager reviewed and improved these documents and gave final approval on March 5, 2018.

*Potential impacts:* The team will now review its priorities in an annual strategy, to be reviewed by the City Manager and Council each January. The primary goal of the team's plan/strategy is to integrate its work better with City priorities and be prepared to assist City on the environmental section in the City's next comprehensive plan.

*Next steps:* The team is presenting the entire 2018–22 Long-Range Plan and 2008 Strategy to City Council at the March COW meeting for feedback and approval.

## Acceptable items for recycling include soda cans, cardboard boxes, junk mail

Submitted to The Dominion Post

The city of Morgantown, residents and related recycling companies are partners in making recycling work in the community. Residents can play their part by placing only items that can currently be recycled in their recycling bins.

If unacceptable items are found by workers, the entire bin will be rejected.

Guidelines are as follows:

### Paper

Must be larger than a standard postcard, except for mechanically shredded paper in clear/translucent plastic bags. Should be dry and clean of food or other waste.

■ **Acceptable:** Brochures, envelopes, junk mail, magazines, newspaper, paper ream wrappers, phone books and printing paper. Staples are OK.

■ **Not acceptable:** Napkins, paper towels, tissues, wax paper cups, food wrappers, holiday wrapping paper, any paper with food or other waste.

### Cardboard

Must be larger than a standard postcard, dry and clean of food or other

waste and with packaging tape removed. Flattened boxes and, if too large for bin, bundle and leave next to bin in dry weather only.

■ **Acceptable:** Boxes, food containers, cartons, file folders and poster board.

■ **Not acceptable:** Cardboard contaminated with oil, etc., and pizza boxes with food waste or grease.

### Plastic

Flattened narrow-neck containers of natural and colored plastic with recycling symbol numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7. No bags or film. Containers must be larger than 2 inches on shortest dimension. Thoroughly rinse or wipe out any food or other waste. Labels are OK to leave on. Plastic lids must be attached to bottle; otherwise, discard lid.

■ **Acceptable:** Bleach bottles, detergent bottles, milk jugs, shampoo bottles, water and soda/pop bottles, containers of food-grade oil.

■ **Not acceptable:** Containers with food or other waste, food wrappers, plastic caps not screwed onto original contain-

ers, plastic film/bags, styrofoam.

### Glass

Only food or beverage containers of any color smaller than a 5-gallon bucket. Thoroughly rinse or wipe out food or other waste. Dispose of corks or metal caps.

■ **Acceptable:** Beer, wine, liquor bottles; food jars; water, juice and soda bottles.

■ **Not acceptable:** Ceramics, drinking glasses, fluorescent tubes, light bulbs, mirrors, Pyrex, window glass.

### Metal

Only food or beverage containers made of aluminum or steel larger than 2 inches on the shortest dimension. Screw metal caps back on flattened container; otherwise, discard caps. Thoroughly rinse or wipe out any food or other waste.

■ **Acceptable:** Beer cans, food cans, juice cans, soda cans, containers of food-grade oil.

■ **Not acceptable:** Aerosol cans, aluminum foil, appliances, metal caps not on original containers, scrap metal.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Morgantown has taken numerous steps to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases including adoption of energy efficiency measures, installation of solar panels on the Market shelter, and completion of a greenhouse gas inventory; and

WHEREAS, the world's leading climate scientists agree that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of global warming include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (e.g. droughts and floods), adverse impacts on ecosystems, demographic patterns and economic value chains; and

WHEREAS, responding to the climate change provides communities an opportunity to access first mover advantage in the range of products, services and know-how that transitioning to a climate-compatible future brings; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement resulted in voluntary commitments from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future;

**Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Morgantown, WV:

1. Joins over 200 US cities in the Climate Mayors network in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement; and
2. Indicates its commitment to reducing GHG emissions through an implementation of a Climate Action Plan; and
3. Commits to exploring the potential benefits and costs of adopting cost-effective policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of GHG emissions reduction while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor of the City of Morgantown communicate this resolution to the National Mayors Climate Action Agenda.

Date of Adoption:

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## **Council supports going green**

**BY BEN CONLEY**

### **The Dominion Post**

MORGANTOWN — The first few hours of Morgantown City Council’s Aug. 1 meeting felt more like a debate that one side simply forgot to attend.

After more than a dozen speakers from an overflow crowd offered words of support and each member of council weighed in, council voted unanimously for first reading approval of a resolution in support of the Paris Climate Agreement.

The agreement states the city’s desire to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the implementation of a “Climate Action Plan,” and pledge to explore the benefits and costs of implementing policies and programs aimed at reducing emissions.

The Morgantown Municipal Green Team first presented the resolution in June, shortly after the White House announced that the United States would back out of the agreement, which was signed in 2015 for the purpose of reporting and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.



# Morgantown Municipal Green Team Strategic Plan (2018–2022)



G. B.





## **Key features of the Plan**

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- Based on the City's Comprehensive Plan
- Evolving process: annual review and update
- Specify team's role and operation
- Provide information to city officials, staff, and prospective team members



# Contents of the Plan

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- **Vision + Mission + Functions**
- **Goals + Objectives**
- **Project List of the Current Year  
(ongoing + potential)**



# Appendices

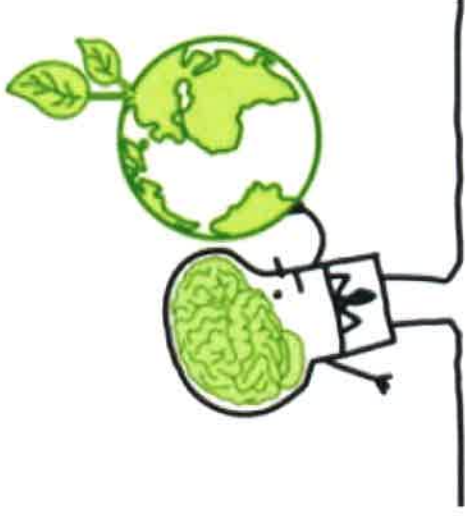
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- Green Team Activities & Results (2007–2018)
- 2013 Morgantown Comprehensive Plan, Section 5: Environment
- 2005 Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement
- Morgantown Municipal Green Team Procedural Guidelines
- Green Team's One-Page Introduction Flyer
- 2018 Active Green Team Members Bios



# Goal 1

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**Raising Public  
Awareness for  
Sustainability**



Traditional/social  
media



Public spaces



Partnerships



# Goal 2

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## Promote Energy Sustainability



Energy efficiency of  
existing structures



Renewable energy

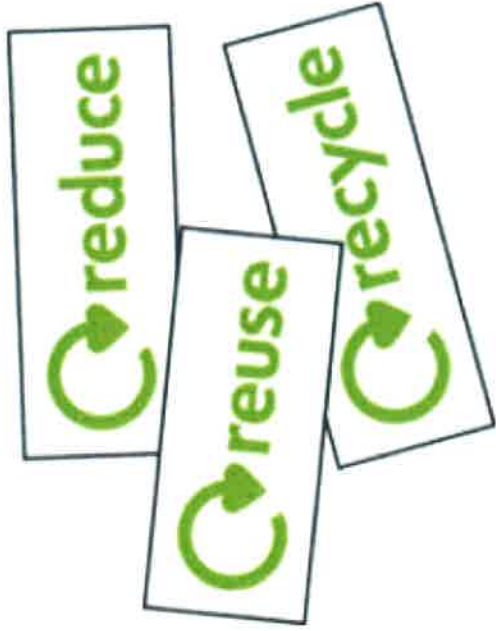


Energy efficiency



# Goal 3

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Reduce solid waste



Recycling programs



Reduce water consumption  
and pollution



Reduce air pollution

## Reduce Pollution and Waste



# Goal 4

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## Promote Sustainable Urban Development



Protect environmentally  
sensitive areas



Promote smart growth



Reduce urban carbon emissions

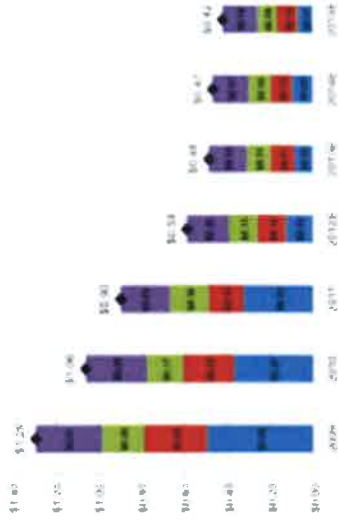
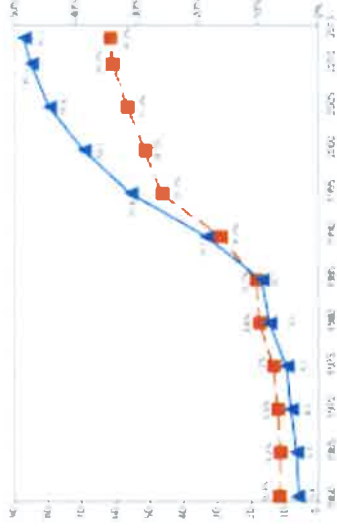


Promote urban agriculture



# Next Step

## Identify Measureable Targets







# Ongoing Projects

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Climate Action Plan

Review new city recycling contract

IAC Energy Audit Study Implementation

LED Streetlights Feasibility Study

Earth Day Events



# Ongoing Projects

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## *Money, Energy, and Sustainability*

A policy guide for City of Morgantown employees  
on reducing energy use and waste in local government operations



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