

Rockville Sustainability Survey

Rockville conducted an online community sustainability survey to assess community priorities and awareness in 2012. The informal survey was developed by the City's Green Team as an important step toward becoming a Sustainable Maryland Certified municipality. More than 230 people who live and work in the City completed the survey and shared their ideas on what a Sustainable Rockville looks like to them and what the City can do to achieve this vision. Survey questions related to such topics as food, health and wellness, local economy, energy, greenhouse gas, natural resources, planning and land use.

Survey respondents identified the following topics as the "Top 10" key priorities to Rockville's sustainable future. Survey results reinforce that the City should continue to incorporate these sustainability priorities into policies, programs and services. *Note topics are listed from most to least important as determined by the percentage of respondents identifying a topic as "highly important."*

Rockville's "Top 10" Community Sustainability Priorities

1. Ensure clean and reliable drinking water (85 percent).
2. Increase waste reduction, reuse and recycling (70 percent).
3. Increase green building practices used in new construction and retrofits (68 percent).
4. Provide high quality parks, facilities and recreation programs (64 percent)
5. Improve stormwater management and community watershed stewardship (61 percent).
6. Reduce energy consumed by homes, businesses and Rockville government (61 percent).
7. Promote compact, walkable and mixed use neighborhoods (59 percent).
8. Increase use of renewable energy by homes, businesses and Rockville government (57 percent).
9. Promote alternative transportation options (57 percent).
10. Provide access to healthy, locally grown food (51 percent).