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Five Prince George's municipalities recognized for sustainability efforts

By Jamie Anfonson-Comeau Staff Writer

This article was corrected on Oct. 31, 2013. An explanation follows the story.

Five Prince George's County municipalities were recognized with the Sustainable Maryland Certified Award during the Maryland Municipal League's fall conference, according to **Mike Hunninghake**, program manager for Sustainable Maryland Certified.

Sustainable Maryland Certified is an initiative aimed toward supporting communities in becoming more sustainable and is part of the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland, **College Park**, according to its website.

Bladensburg, Bowie, College Park, Edmonston and Hyattsville are among the 12 Maryland municipalities recognized, according to the website.

Bladensburg was recognized for its shop local program, its installation of LED street lights powered by a solar panel and wind turbine, and its efforts to education youth on health and environmental issues.

Bowie was recognized for its efforts to eradicate invasive plant species and for conducting energy audits on municipal buildings.

College Park was recognized for its shop local campaign, its Bike to Work day, its recycling program and its support of municipal employee fitness.

Edmonston was recognized for its stormwater management efforts, its wind energy program, and the installation of solar panels on the Town Hall.

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Hyattsville was recognized for conducting energy audits of municipal buildings, its "green" purchasing program for municipal operations, its participation in the national Tree City USA program and other sustainability initiatives.

Recognized communities receive notice of grant opportunities, and are provided with training and assistance in promoting themselves, according to the website.

"This award is a testament to the passion and dedication of volunteer residents and municipal staff and elected officials to go green, save tax dollars and improve the quality of life in their communities," Hunninghake said in an email.

Correction: The original version of this story incorrectly spelled Mike Hunninghake's name.

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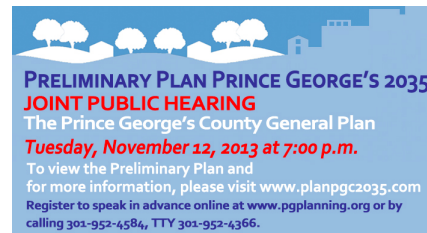
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