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RESOLUTION NUMBER 1042

A RESOLUTION TO REPEAL RESOLUTION 893 AND ESTABLISH A NEW GREEN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

WHEREAS, in 1999 the City Council established a Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the recycling of waste products has been identified as an economical and efficient means of reducing people's needs for landfills and mechanical disposal systems; and

WHEREAS, steps must be taken to publicize the need to recycle, to make recycling available to as many households in Greenbelt as possible, and to encourage as full participation as possible in the recycling effort;

WHEREAS, this committee has expressed a desire to increase its mission and scope to include sustainability issues; and

WHEREAS, Council has agreed to expand the Committee's role to include sustainability matters. NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, that:

SECTION I An advisory committee shall be established to advise the City Council on matters relating to the recycling of refuse and matters related thereto and environmental and sustainability issues. Said committee shall be known as the Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability.

SECTION II The committee shall consist of eleven members who shall be appointed by the Council. The members of the committee shall be appointed for terms of three years. Current members of the old Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee shall be automatically appointed to this new committee. The terms of appointment shall expire during the month of January of the year of expiration or shall continue until a successor is appointed. If a vacancy occurs on the committee, appointments shall be made to fill the unexpired term of the vacancy. In addition, a nonvoting staff member shall be appointed by the City Manager to serve as liaison to the committee.

SECTION III The committee shall adopt its own bylaws and amendments thereto, subject to the approval of the City Council; and the committee shall elect its own officers. From time to time, the committee shall submit to Council reports on the status of recycling and on environmental sustainability issues along with findings and recommendations.

SECTION IV The committee shall advise the Council on recycling, environmental and sustainability matters. These include:

- * Review of the existing recycling and environmental programs;
- * Assisting in educating Greenbelt citizens and businesses about recycling, source reduction, waste collection, composting, hazardous waste, clean water and air, litter prevention, reducing their carbon footprint and other environmental and sustainability matters.
- * Recommending modifications to the recycling program and refuse collection program as appropriate to maximize the recycling of materials and minimize the amount of waste disposed by landfill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its regular meeting of February 9, 2009.

Judith F. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Murray, City Clerk