CHESTERTOWN GREEN TEAM ACTION PLAN

YEAR 1

1. Achieve Sustainable Maryland Certified Bronze status. Raise awareness of Town of Chestertown sustainability initiatives in local news. Rail Trail, Remembrance Park, recycling, energy efficiency improvements at Town Hall, participation in the Watershed Implementation Plan, Middle School Victory Garden, local food initiatives, health and wellness programs, walking trail and dog park at Rolling Road park, plastic bag ban, rain gardens, and other projects are all part of the Town’s holistic approach to sustainability.

2. COMMUNITY BASED FOOD SYSTEM: Participate in University of Maryland and Master Gardener food garden initiative, Grow It Eat It, which has named 2012 “The Year of Leafy Greens.” The program includes local food gardening classes for youths and adults.

3. HEALTH & WELLNESS: H. H. Garnett Elementary and Kent County Middle Schools to participate in county-wide School Wellness Council that will establish a wellness plan for students, teachers and staff.

4. LOCAL ECONOMIES: Implement Buy Local campaign with the Spend Local – Stay Local gift card from Chesapeake Bank.

5. NATURAL RESOURCES: Increase membership in Chester River Association through expanded presence at local events, articles in local and regional media, expanded volunteer membership, and legislative updates.

6. PLANNING & LAND USE: Extend Chestertown’s current Certified Legacy Areas status to new Sustainable Communities designation.

YEAR 2

1. ENERGY: Design and construct a 1.6 MW solar field at Chestertown Wastewater Treatment Plant.

2. HEALTH & WELLNESS: Construct Phase III of Chestertown Rail Trail to increase length of walking trail by an additional .6 mile.

3. NATURAL RESOURCES: Design and construct a regenerative stormwater conveyance (RSC) at the Rt. 291 to treat stormwater from Kent Plaza Shopping Center and other businesses along Rt. 213.

4. LOCAL ECONOMIES: Implement a green procurement policy for Town of Chestertown.

5. HEALTH & WELLNESS: Implement the findings of the School Wellness Council at Garnett Elementary and Kent Co. Middle School.

6. NATURAL RESOURCES: Increase recycling rate in Chestertown by 20 percent.

YEAR 3

1. ENERGY: Design and construct a 1 MW community solar garden.

2. COMMUNITY BASED FOOD SYSTEM: Construct community gardens on vacant Town-owned property in low income neighborhood.

3. HEALTH & WELLNESS: Build a new Town park on the Rail Trail with public playground and basketball courts.

4. LOCAL ECONOMIES: Implement Maryland Green Registry program, which recognizes green businesses.

5. NATURAL RESOURCES: Implement Maryland Clean Marina Initiative and stormwater improvements at Town-owned marina.

6. NATURAL RESOURCES: Increase Chestertown’s tree canopy to 40 percent as part of the Community Urban Greening Program.