

Sustainable Development

In an effort to reduce the impacts of urbanization the idea of sustainable development came about in the 1960s. Sustainable development is defined as development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The aim of sustainable development is to link the economy, the environment, and social well-being. To implement sustainable development, practices, ideologies, and policies must be changed at all levels of development from the individual to the international.



Goals of Sustainable Development

- Protect important farmland from being developed.
- Encourage the use of better stormwater management practices.
- Encourage citizens to take care of green spaces including town and state parks and neighborhood gardens.
- Help communities to set development goals for the future, keeping environmentally friendly practices in mind.

Where To Get Help for sustainable development information

- Cecil County Government Planning and Zoning **410-996-5220**
- Cecil County Government Development Services Division
410-996-5265 or **410-996-5267**
- United Nations Division of Sustainable Development;
<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/about/dsd>
- For sustainable development definitions, principles, and timelines
visit Sustainable Development Gateway; **http://iisd.org/pdf/2011/intro_to_sd.pdf**