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Green Team Minutes February 19, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Green Team was called to order at 7:00 pm with the following present: Chairman Jeff Russell, Team Members Sandy Lord, Evan Wiegand, Jason Krebill, Amy Thomas, and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

The minutes from January 15, 2026 were approved.

Old Business

Contest for 250th/SpringFest 2026 – Ms. Pangle said we have 6 vendors who have filled out the vendor form on the website. 4 new craft vendors confirmed, in addition to two food trucks, two music acts, and our regular past vendors. Ms. Pangle still needs to contact Boonsboro & Sharpsburg Fire/EMS. Ms. Lord said the contest flyer went out through the school's mail system. Mr. Wiegand said it was a process involving a 3rd party. Our original flyer was rejected, and he had to do a complete redesign of it. They would only allow it to be distributed to students or faculty, not both. Mr. Wiegand said it was sent to all the parents/students in the county, not teachers. Ms. Lord did send an email to the teachers at her school and is talking it up with her students as much as she can.

2025 Sustainable Maryland Grant Update – SM reported that they received about 25 applications. Ms. Riner had a phone call regarding feedback on our grant application. Ms. Lord asked if we are going forward with the mural through other funding. Ms. Pangle said it will be put on the agenda for next month's Mayor and Council meeting. It's possible that hotel/motel money can be used, but it will be up to the council.

Here is the feedback from Sustainable Maryland.

Project Description – Good description. Well written. What are the connections to environmental sustainability?

Goals and Outcome – Makes sense and is clear.

Project Team – Strong representation of public and private groups. Does the team adequately represent the community? Explain more.

Action Plan and Timeline – Makes sense.

Community Engagement – Good. Is there intentional engagement with the underrepresented in the community?

Project Impact and Evaluation – Wanted to see greater impact as it relates to sustainability. Is there an educational element?

Budget – Cost high for what the project is. Include an explanation for what the contingency amount is for.

Great project and well-planned

Other projects had greater impact.

They are looking for overall impact to sustainability.

They like innovative projects.

Promote March Speaker (Planting Natives For Your Garden) – Mr. Wiegand will create the flyer to post on social media next week. Ms. Lord will bring her projector and laptop. The presentation will be about 30-45 minutes. Ms. Lord mentioned having something to offer to attendees. Ms. Thomas suggested handing out seed packets. Mr. Reed from the County Watershed Dept. hands out wildflower seed packets at SpringFest every year. Ms. Pangle will see if he has any to give us.

New Business

Promote at SpringFest: Town Elections, Town-Wide Yard Sale & Bulk Trash – Town elections are the same day as SpringFest, and the town-wide yard sale (5/9) and bulk trash (5/16) are the following two Saturdays. The team agreed to encourage people to head to the town hall and vote. Mr. Wiegand will create the yard-sale/bulk-trash flyers to hand out at SpringFest.

Railbed Lease Update/MHA Grant – Ms. Pangle spoke with Mr. Hulse at DNR about the status of our lease renewal. He said we are in the holdover status for the foreseeable future. He knows we have wanted to remove the trash on the trail and said the cleanup would be ok on a small scale with no advertising or social media. When asked why, he said the rail trail is a sensitive topic, and it's best not to draw attention to the area while pursuing the lease renewal. Mr. Hulse said to send him our cleanup plans for approval. In February, Chairman Russell filed an Intent to Apply for a Maryland Heritage Area grant for the railbed area. The full application is due by the end of March. There was some conversation about applying for a grant without having the lease in place. Chairman Russell has made contact with Senator Corderman to help the lease process along. He said Senator Corderman will talk to DNR. We started the DNR lease renewal process in February 2024. There was a question about applying for the full MHA grant. Chairman Russell has a meeting tomorrow about the full application. He said for capital projects, you can apply for \$100k, with a 50% match. There can be in-kind donations towards the 50% match. Chairman Russell said his intent to Apply application was put in for \$30k for clean-up, removal of invasive species, and putting down rock dust on top of gravel along the railbed.

Pollinator Palooza – They are having their event on June 13th at the Washington County AG Center and would like the Green Team to attend. The team is open to it if we can get a couple of people to commit to that date.

GT Projects for New Comprehensive Plan (Dan Bowling) – Mr. Bowling has reached out to Chairman Russell for a list of projects the Green Team has done and plans to do to incorporate into the new comprehensive plan. Ms. Pangle said she has an Excel sheet with this info that she will send to Chairman Russell tomorrow. Mr. Krebill mentioned that he believes it's more about land use, such as the recent streambank restoration, the pickleball court, and the empty lot by the dam, along with how the land will be utilized going forward.

Salem UMC Clothes Swap – The Salem United Methodist Church would like to have a clothes swap at SpringFest. The team agreed this was fine.

March Meeting w/Matt @ Catoclin Land Trust/Contact Trout Run HOA & S Main St Residents about Watershed Grant Opportunities – Matt Fleischer would like to meet with property owners on March 10th at 1 pm. Ms. Pangle will reach out to property owners on S. Main St who border the creek. Chairman Russell and Mr. Krebill will reach out to the Trout Run HOA and residents along the creek. Ms. Lord suggested posting on social media a short video showing a small-scale streambank restoration. Mr. Krebill said he has videos he can provide about erosion and how to mitigate it. Mr. Wiegand created a generic Watershed Project interest form that he put on the website today. This form is for all interests, not just those along the stream.

Comments by Team

Chairman Russell mentioned the use or lack of use of the ballfield. Should it be re-configured for a different use? Ms. Pangle said the Council members agreed that as we get closer to spring, contact the group that last used it. If they aren't going to use and take care of the field, it might be time to open it up for others to use.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Teresa Pangle
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Green Team Agenda February 19, 2026

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: January 15, 2026 minutes.

Old Business: Contest for 250th/SpringFest 2026-Craft Vendors; 2025 Sustainable Maryland Grant Update; Promote March Speaker

New Business: Promote at SpringFest: Town Elections (same day as SpringFest), Town-Wide Yard Sale & Bulk Trash; Railbed Lease Update/MHA Grant; Pollinator Palooza; GT Projects for New Comprehensive Plan (Dan Bowling); Salem UMC Clothes Swap; March Meeting with Matt from Catoclin Land Trust-Contact Trout Run HOA & S Main St Residents About Watershed Grant Opportunities.

Comments by Residents

Comments by Team

Adjournment