

# TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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## Green Team Minutes March 19, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Green Team was called to order at 7:02 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 February 19, 2026, were approved.

Speaker: Deborah Portney gave a presentation on "Why Planting Natives Is The Best Thing You Can Do For Your Garden (And The World). Our gardens are a great way to create habitat for wildlife, increase biodiversity, reduce runoff, and save native species. Native plants create habitat for pollinators and wildlife, improve soil health, and increase water infiltration into the surface. It helps eliminate the need for chemicals in our garden. Keystone species are important for the disproportionately large effect they have on the ecosystem. They support high levels of insects and wildlife. Keystone plants vary depending on the eco-region. When planting natives for pollinators, it helps to aim for 3 seasons of bloom, from early spring to late fall. The presentation was very informative, and we appreciate Deborah taking the time to educate us. Five people attended and received free native seed packets and a wildlife habitat flyer.

### Old Business

Contest for 250<sup>th</sup>/SpringFest 2026 – Ms. Pangle confirmed the Washington County Soil Conservation District will set up a table at SpringFest, and she will confirm the Master Gardeners. Ms. Pangle reported that we received our first contest entry for the Pre-K category. Ms. Lord said there will be 29 more entries from her 5th-grade class. Mr. Wiegand said his son is on the Sharpsburg Destination Imagination team. They do academic competitions and performances, and just won State. They are raising money to go to Kansas City and are interested in setting up a fundraiser booth at SpringFest. Someone from the Destination Imagination team is attending the next Mayor & Council meeting to request a donation. The team agreed we should promote the Town-wide Yard Sale (5/9) and Bulk Trash (5/16) at SpringFest, as well as encourage people to go to Town Hall on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to vote in the town elections. Mr. Wiegand will create flyers to have at SpringFest and post on social media.

MHA Grant Update – Chairman Russell gave an overview of where he is with the grant application. It is due March 31<sup>st</sup>, but he hopes to send it to the Heart of the Civil War by March 28<sup>th</sup>, for them to look at it first. He is working with Senator Corderman's office in hopes of moving our lease agreement with DNR forward.

Pollinator Palooza – Ms. Lord confirmed she would be available to set up a table for the Keedysville Green Team. It would be good to have at least one other person from the Green Team attend. This event is on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the AG Center. They request vendors start setting up by 8:30 am.

March Meeting with Matt Fleischer Update – Mr. Fleischer, his colleague Emma Tarquinio (Catocin Land Trust), and a representative from EcoTone came out to assess the streambank downstream from the Coffman Farms Rd bridge. Several Green

Team members and property owners who border the creek also attended. Mr. Wiegand said it seems they need to consult DNR regarding fishery details, and it didn't seem like they were overly impressed by the amount of erosion in the area to warrant a project. He said they were going to drive over to the bridge on Keedysville Rd, where supposedly there is more erosion to see if they could incorporate that area for a larger project. Mr. Krebill agreed that it seems they are looking for a larger project regarding streambank stabilization. Ms. Pangle said she talked to them about removing invasives and planting natives on the 15 S Main St lot owned by the town. They said that it is something they could do. And they are open to helping with planting trees around the multi-sport court after it's completed this summer. Potentially, planting could be done this fall at both locations.

#### New Business

Compost Bins/Rain Barrels – Ms. Pangle reported that two people have expressed interest in rain barrels. Does the Green Team want to do that again? Ms. Lord suggested having a sign-up sheet at SpringFest to gauge the interest. Ms. Pangle will bring the sign-up sheet created for the 2023 rain barrel/compost bin sale.

Guest Speaker Series – Deborah Portney will come back in September to give a presentation on migrating birds. The team agreed we should have at least 3 speakers a year for the series. Ms. Pangle will check with the County's Soil Conservation District and the Watershed Department about guest speaking. Ms. Lord proposed May for a guest speaker, if possible; otherwise, we can plan for the fall. The team does not usually meet in June and July.

#### Comments by Team

N/A

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Teresa Pangle  
Administrative Assistant

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## Green Team Agenda March 19, 2026

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: February 19, 2026 minutes.

Speaker: Deborah Portney- "Why Planting Natives Is The Best Thing You Can Do For Your Garden (And The World)."

Old Business: Contest for 250<sup>th</sup>/SpringFest 2026-Craft Vendors; MHA Grant Update; Pollinator Palooza; March Meeting with Matt Update

New Business: Compost Bins/Rain Barrels; Guest Speaker Series

Comments by Residents

Comments by Team

Adjournment

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## Green Team Meeting March 19, 2026

All attendees must sign in. Attendee comments will be heard at the discretion of the presiding officer and only during the appropriate time in the agenda. Those wishing to be heard must check the appropriate box. Comments will be limited to three minutes each.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	WISH TO BE HEARD
Sara Bennett	Smallard Rn	248-933-3250	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sue Remy	50 South	301-432-8216	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob	Twiggy 21 Mt Hebron	301-432-2382	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andy	Twiggy " "	" "	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Moore	Burnside Bridge Rd	301-465-0207	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>