

Environment Report

Carroll 2030 Task Force

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Participants

- Mona Becker, McDaniel College
 - Environmental Action Club
 - High School Teachers
 - Maryland Association of Science Teachers

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Carroll's Strengths and Weaknesses

Strengths

- Community Cooperation
- *Westminster Clean Up Days*
- *Single Stream Recycling*
- *Curriculum in CCPS*

Weaknesses

- Not Enough Emphasis on trash reduction
- Apathy among residents (uninformed)
- Dairy farm/agricultural areas are sources of runoff

Top Trends

- Movement towards sustainability
- Education in environmental awareness

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Opportunities and Threats

Opportunities

- Education for general public
- Getting the public involved in activities and awareness
- Service Learning between McDaniel and the community
- More community action

Threats

- Apathy (among college students and the community)
- Lack of transparency
- Overcommitment

Ideal Carroll County

- Carroll County should be a role model in sustainability.
- We have open space and undeveloped land that can be used in implementing sustainable practices.
- Larger focus on renewable energy technologies
- Local farming and farmer markets
- Curitiba, Brazil (use this as a model)

Comments, Questions

- Who else would you have liked to hear from, who couldn't meet with your cluster group?
 - Missing voices?
- What questions or concerns did group members raise?
- What else should our task force know about your cluster meeting?