

#### North Bethesda TMD April 24, 2024

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# Green Business & Living



Bethesda Green serves as a catalyst, bringing people together to mobilize positive change for a healthier and more resilient environment.

Incubator

Supporting "idea stage" companies in the DMV, with a focus on environmental sustainability

Green Business
Certification

Program to encourage and support Montgomery County businesses to reduce their ecological footprint.

Co-Working

Providing workspace for inspiring impact leaders and growing business

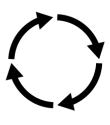
Be-Green Living

Programs that enhance community engagement and local quality of life.



## **Incubator**

For 2024, we've decided to focus on the Incubator structure and postpone the Accelerator. The new structure will feature:



**All Stages** 



Rolling Program



Group Mentorship



Bi-monthly Speakers



Monthly Entrepreneur Roundtables



Quarterly Pitch
Practice



Annual Pitch Event



Online Curriculum



# What is the Montgomery County Green Business Certification?

- A voluntary recognition program sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection
- Both businesses and other organizations with locations in Montgomery County are eligible
- Encourages businesses and other organizations to take steps that reduce their ecological footprint and to green business operations
- Bethesda Green was chosen to take the program to the next level



#### **Our Program Partners**







### What is are some benefits for participants?

- 1. Cultivate Trust and Loyalty
- 2. Propel Your Business with Rich Resources
- 3. Build Strategic Networks
- 4. Sharpen Your Competitive Edge
- 5. Make a Positive, Lasting Impact





#### **Dual Recognition**

















- Businesses qualify for recognition awards by implementing environmentally friendly practices or "green initiatives"
- Businesses undergo a verification before awarded recognition and a certificate



#### **Process Flow**

#### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION Program Roadmap** Step 3: Step 1: Step 2: Recognition & Certification Introduction Engagement • Create account on Validation process Complete the **Preliminary Application** certification portal Receive via post from · Receive an email from • Set up a Business the Montgomery Profile a Bethesda Green staff Department of member with further Complete the Environmental instructions and the EcoAssessment to gage Protection your Quick Start Guide certificate package your progress Continue to implement Sustainability story & Green Initiatives to business showcase Participate in ongoing accrue points towards higher recognition sustainability levels engagement initiatives bethesda qreen



### **Questions?**





