



The City of Morgantown

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Dear Friend:

On January 4, 2016, the Morgantown City Council unanimously declared 2016 to be the **“Year to Go Green: Path to a Cleaner Morgantown.”**

Initially formed by the Morgantown Municipal Green Team and Friends of Deckers Creek, the proposal for this yearlong citywide focus on clean air, clean water, clean energy, and green space was created with the goal of opening dialogue across the community and unifying efforts to further sustainability across Morgantown. We expect the range of events and activities planned will result in benefits for our environment, our health, and our economy.

I am writing to invite you to participate in this community-wide effort to build on past successes and lay the basis for further progress toward a cleaner Morgantown. Individuals, households, businesses, community groups, city committees and advisory boards, and other organizations can join in the effort in a number of ways:

- **Contribute to a compilation of the city’s accomplishments** in becoming a cleaner, safer, healthier, and greener city in the past few decades
- **Speak or participate in a series of YTGG community forums** throughout the year to engage the Morgantown community on a range of current issues.
- **Hold activities or events**—or shape those already planned—to help promote the environmental sustainability of our air, water, energy, and/or land.
- **Educate the community** by supplying information and articles regarding how homes and businesses can reduce their environmental impacts in YTGG-sponsored venues—such as newspaper columns, magazine articles, or the city’s Facebook group “Green Morgantown.”

For more information on how you and your group can participate in the Year to Go Green and how you can find out what others are already starting to do:

- **Visit the “Year to Go Green” webpage and Calendar:**
<http://www.morgantownwv.gov/yeartogogreen/>
- **Join us on Facebook:** Green Morgantown (www.facebook.com/groups/greenmorgantown)
- **Contact YTGG Organizers:**

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We hope you will discuss with your organization how it can participate in this important focus on the environment in Morgantown in the coming year and contact us soon.

Sincerely,

Mayor Marti Shamberger