



Prince George's County

STORMWATER STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICANT Anacostia Watershed Society

PROJECT National Capital Region Watershed Stewards Academy

GRANT AMOUNT \$48,000

PROJECT SUMMARY In 2014, the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) was awarded a grant to conduct the Watershed Stewards Academy (WSA) program in Prince George's County. The WSA program provides residents with knowledge and expertise from lecturers, training in using watershed assessment tools for analyzing stormwater runoff, and hands-on experience leading stormwater management and behavior change projects.

AWS educated and trained Prince George's County residents in watershed protection issues and empowered them to design, conduct, and implement Capstone restoration projects and activities. These capstone projects aim to prevent

stormwater runoff, improve the quality of their local waterways, increase public awareness, and engage community members in stormwater management solutions.

The Stewards participated in different capstone projects including installing rain gardens and rain barrels, planting native trees, starting a green ministry, and helping to implement and facilitate a WSA course. In total, stewards installed four rain barrels, planted 265 trees and 500 native plants, created five rain gardens, and engaged 460 residents in the County. In addition, the Stewards participated in a community clean up event that removed 350 pounds of litter from the Anacostia River watershed.

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