

BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABILITY

BALTIMORE COUNTY OPERATION RETREE

AWARDED AMOUNT

\$1,500,000.00

NUMBER OF TREES

2500



PROJECT SUMMARY

In 2021, Baltimore County created Operation ReTree as a systematic approach to addressing tree inequities in Baltimore County by planting trees in underserved neighborhoods with a declining tree cover, less land available, and residents with less disposable income to plant trees themselves. The development and implementation of Operation ReTree was a collaborative effort led by Baltimore County's Environmental Protection and Sustainability (EPS) in conjunction with the County Executive's Office; Office of Planning; Department of Public Works and Transportation; Office of Sustainability; Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections; Office of Property Management; Office of Information Technology Overview; and Department of Recreation and Parks. To determine planting locations, EPS conducted a detailed analysis and created an Equity Tree Priority Score (ETP) to identify and rank the best candidates among 2020 Census Block Groups (CDPs), where the most people with least amount of resources would benefit from increased tree canopy near their homes. EPS has an overall goal of planting at least 2,500 trees under this program in five years. They will be planting in both the spring and fall seasons with a goal of planting 450 trees per season. Maintenance activities will extend two years after the last planting.

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