



Prince George's County

STORMWATER STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICANT Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

PROJECT Trees for Sacred Spaces

GRANT AMOUNT \$131,926

PROJECT SUMMARY In 2015, Alliance for the Chesapeake was awarded a grant dedicated to increasing urban tree canopies, promoting riparian buffer restoration, providing habitat restoration, and expanding the faith community's participation in watershed restoration efforts. congregations gained an appreciation of trees and water in their sacred traditions. An additional 78 trees were planted by over 120 students as part of Clean Up Green Up program with Prince George's Department of the Environment.

Trees for Sacred Places, a program developed in partnership with Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), engaged 164 volunteers to plant 385 native trees on the house of worship properties throughout Prince George's county. Some plantings were accompanied by spiritual workshops, where Native trees attract native wildlife and reforest land, which cuts down on mowing needs. Some native species planted during these programs include White oak, Eastern redbud, Chestnut oak, and Hackberry.

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