Parkdale High School received an award in 2015 to engage the school’s community in hands-on learning activities. Parkdale was also able to address stormwater management issues on its school grounds by installing a Best Management Practice (BMP).

Parkdale hosted 13 summer interns from Prince George’s County Summer Youth Enrichment Program. The student interns helped maintain a food-forest on the school campus, toured several facilities actively involved in environmental protection efforts, and established a nature trail behind the school. Parkdale also held a workshop to equip teachers with a toolkit of interactive lessons designed to advance environmental literacy at a classroom level.

To address its stormwater management needs, Parkdale installed a two by three grid of various permeable surfaces that allow stormwater to infiltrate into the ground while also filtering out pollutants. Signage was also installed to educate visitors on how the BMP works and the benefits it provides.

Parkdale’s accomplishments were made possible in part by the strong partnerships formed with the Anacostia Watershed Society, William S. Schmidt Outdoor Education Center, Clean Water Partnership, and the Low Impact Development Center, among others.

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