



Prince George's County

STORMWATER STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICANT

University of Maryland College Park

PROJECT

Water Quality Stormwater Stewardship Education at the BAIB Urban Farm

GRANT AMOUNT

\$80,000

PROJECT SUMMARY

In 2015, the University of Maryland College Park (UMD) received an award to install stormwater management practices and engage community members at the Branch Avenue in Bloom Urban Farm (BAIB).

The BAIB had an abandoned streetscape project on site that had turned into a local dumping ground. Through a partnership with UMD, the Neighborhood Design Center, and the Alice Ferguson Foundation, a concept plan was implemented to convert the paved, abandoned space into a functional green space. Approximately 5,000 square feet of the existing paved surface was removed. Then, 20 tree native fruit trees, including persimmons and plums. An

additional 125 native trees were planted as part of a rain garden installed on the site to further treat stormwater runoff. Raised garden beds were also installed in the space, to directly address the community's need for increased access to sustainable produce. BAIB staff and local residents were involved throughout the project, through participation in an introductory training to gardening and volunteering their time to help plant the trees.

The River of Life Church has entered into an agreement with the Department of Public Works and Transportation to allow this space serve as a long term resource to the community.

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April 27, 6:30 p.m.

Want to Grow Your Own Produce?

Event Location | The Shops At Iverson, 3737 Branch Avenue, Lower Stage Area

The Grand Opening of the BAIB Urban Farm is underway. Located behind the McDonalds on 32nd and Branch Ave, 16 raised planting boxes are now available to the public. A public drawing, where applicants will be randomly selected based on a lottery system, will be hosted at the Shops At Iverson. To apply, all applicants must drop off their applications by March 30th at the BAIB office, located on 3411 Branch Avenue in the Sun's Car Wash Shopping Plaza.

To Qualify for Entry: (1). All applicants must be a resident of Prince George's County (2). must be 18 years or older (3) Only one applicant per household. Must show proof of residence.

