



Prince George's County

STORMWATER STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICANT

University of Maryland

PROJECT

Sustainable Maryland – Prince George's County Petwaste Education Campaign

GRANT AMOUNT

\$134,958

PROJECT SUMMARY

In 2016, the University of Maryland's Environmental Finance Center (EFC) was awarded a grant for a Pet Waste Education Campaign. This campaign was designed to increase awareness of pet waste pollution and encourage residents of Prince George's County to clean up after their pet.

Pet waste is a significant, but often overlooked, contributor to water quality impairment in the Chesapeake Bay. When it rains, pet waste is carried into storm drains and nearby streams, delivering excess nutrients that lead to algae blooms and deteriorated ecosystems.

To address this issue, EFC worked with Bladensburg, Brentwood, Cottage City, District Heights, Edmonston, and Landover Hills; each of these municipalities installed 10 pet waste stations, conducted outreach, and continue to maintain and monitor their sites.

Some outreach events included a county-wide Pet Waste Management Summit, nine Green Team meetings, and translating the County's outreach education materials into Spanish. These efforts continue to be sustained by the Sustainable Maryland program.

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