Prince George’s County

STORMWATER STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICANT: Anacostia Watershed Society

PROJECT: Treating and Teaching

GRANT AMOUNT: $500,000

PROJECT SUMMARY: In 2017, the Anacostia Watershed Society was awarded a grant to conduct the Treating and Teaching program. This program was developed in collaboration with several partners and County representatives. The program supports the implementation of Meaningful Watershed Education Experiences, the standardization and integration of stormwater education into the existing curriculum, professional development and educational resources for Prince George’s County Public School teachers.

Integrating teaching, learning, and installing clean water practices at the school sites (i.e., stormwater retrofit projects) was the perfect opportunity to teach while treating stormwater. The projects were implemented through the County’s Clean Water Partnership.

A few examples of the elements included in the installation of outdoor learning environments and stormwater retrofit projects were bioretention areas, outdoor seating areas to teach and learn near the water quality project, and pollinator gardens.

Treating and Teaching provided meaningful connections for students, teachers, and staff to the stormwater management projects that were implemented on their campuses.

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